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惑星セブンでの市ヶ谷テルル救出作戦を終えた長道たちは、
間近で見た大シュガフ船が
あまりにも強大であることを改めて実感した。
そんな中で長道たちに下された、新たな任務。
新造の戦術防巡艦「水城」と共に、
恒星系の中心へ向かう輸送任務だった。
シドニア本艦からの補給が受けられない中、
未知なる脅威との接触が始まろうとしていた。

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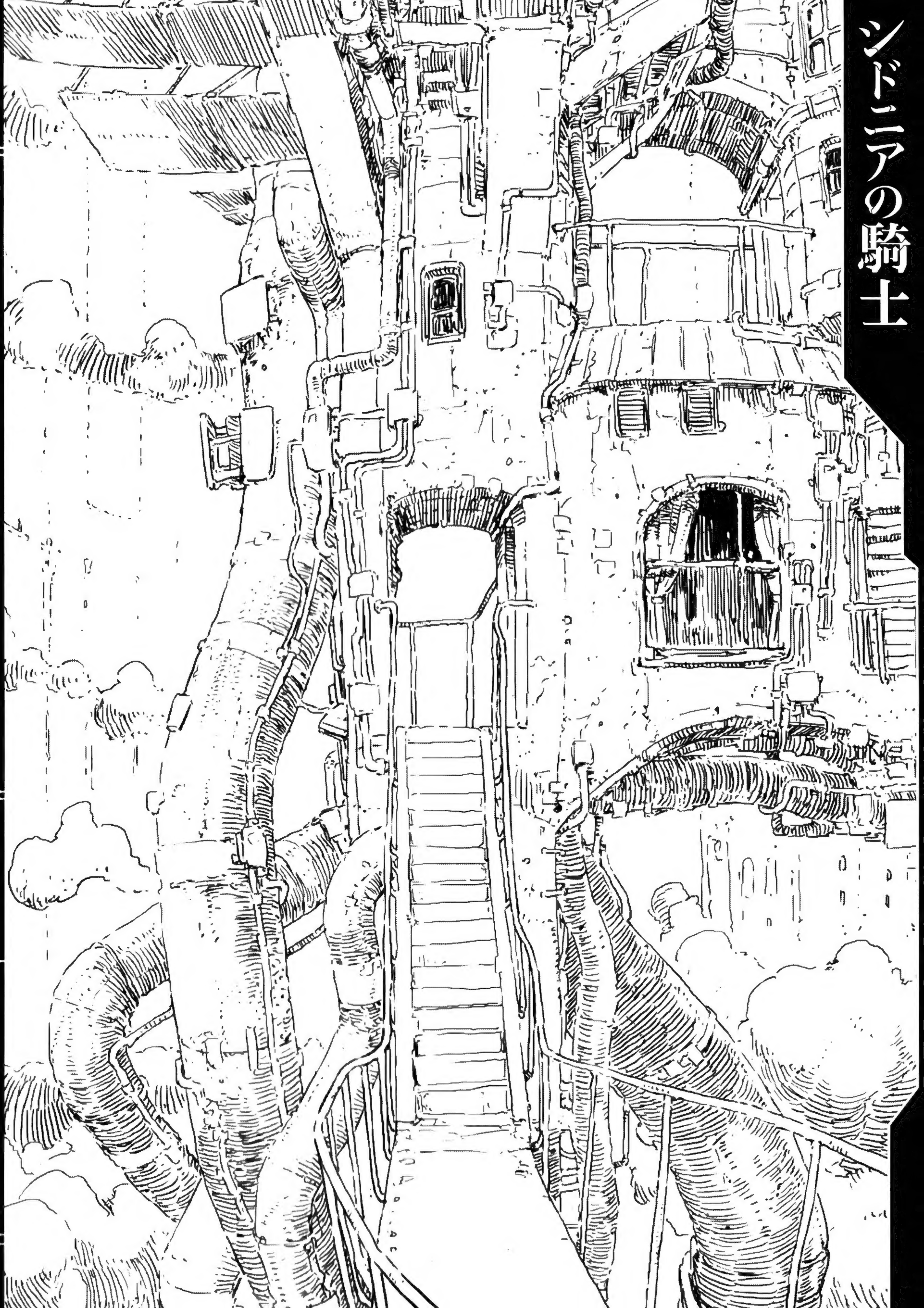

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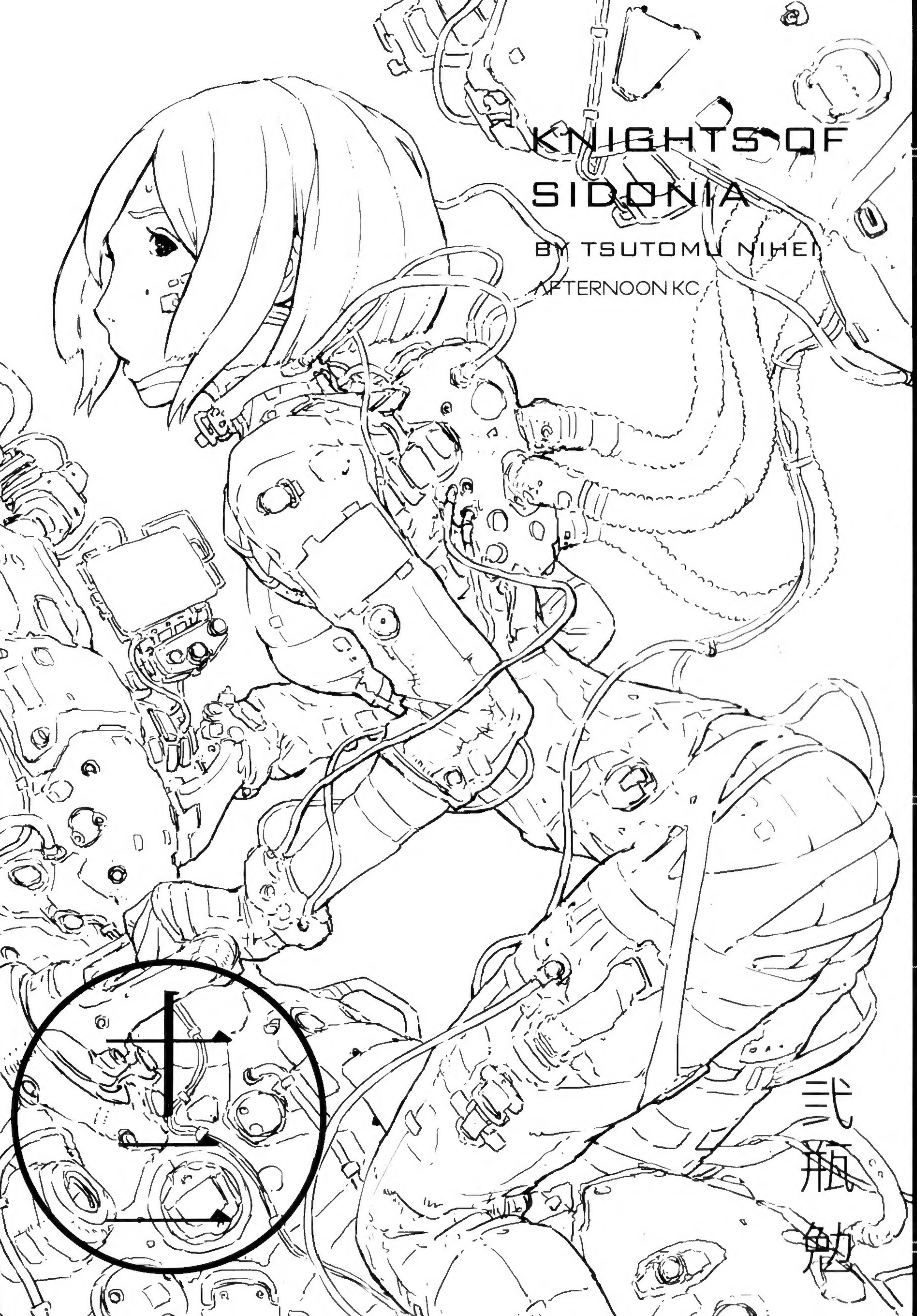
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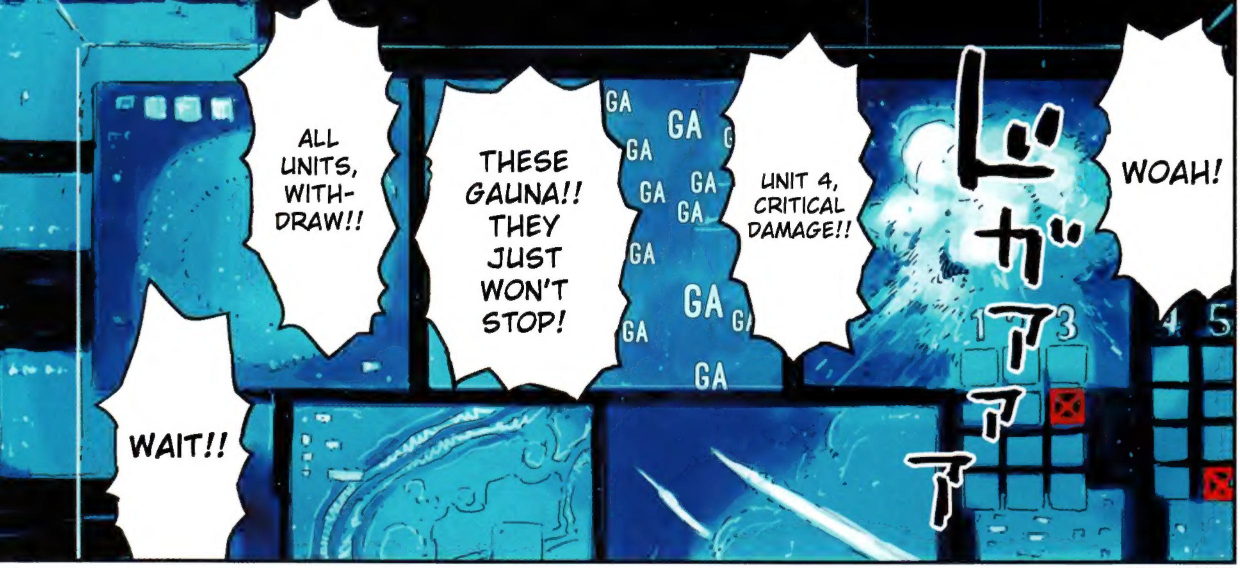
WOAH!
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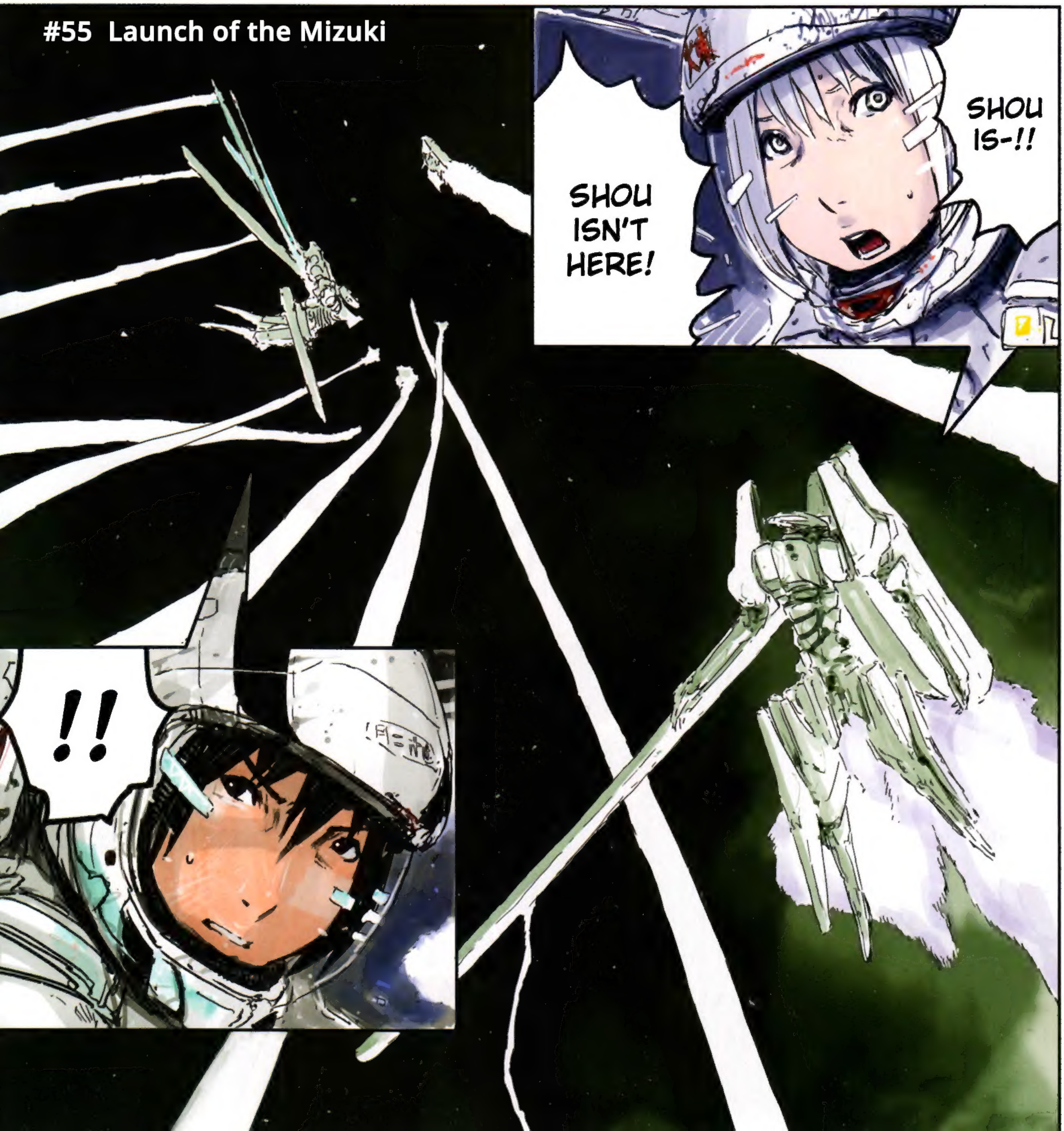
UNIT 4, CRITICAL DAMAGE!!
GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA
THESE GAUNA!! THEY JUST WON'T STOP!
ALL UNITS, WITHDRAW!!
WAIT!!

SFX: *EXPLOSION*

#55 Launch of the Mizuki


SHOU IS-!!
SHOU ISN'T HERE!
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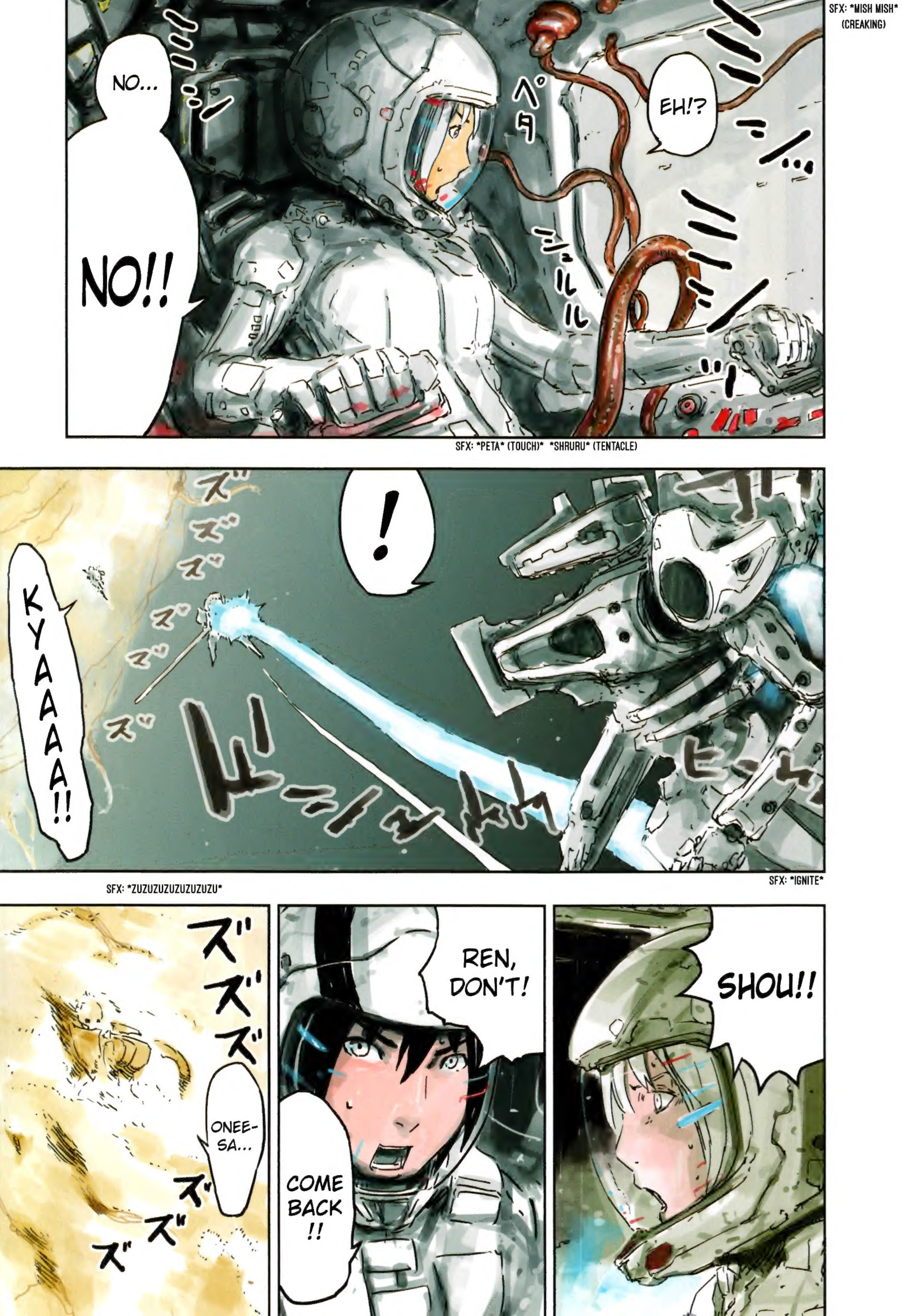

EH!?
NO...
NO!!
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シュルル
!
KYAAAAA!!
SHOU!!
REN, DON'T!
COME BACK!!
ONEE-SA...
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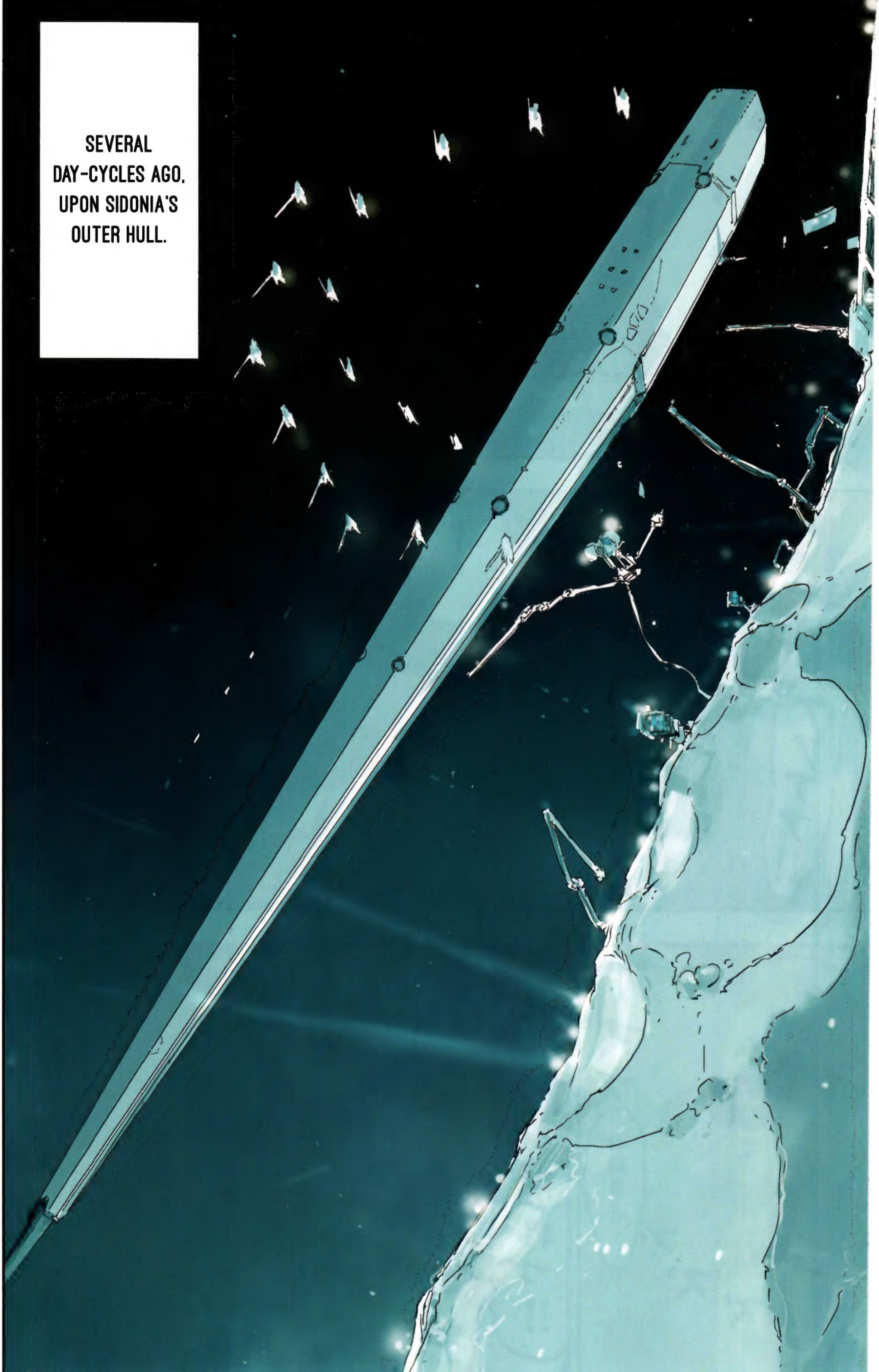
ズズズ

SFX: *MISH MISH* (CREAKING)

SFX: *PETA* (TOUCH)* *SHRURU* (TENTACLE)

SFX: *ZUZUZUZUZUZUZUZU*

SFX: *IGNITE*


SEVERAL DAY-CYCLES AGO, UPON SIDONIA'S OUTER HULL.

THAT'S THE NEW TADUGANE-CLASS WARSHIP! 723 METERS LONG, CAPABLE OF CARRYING 24 GUARDIANS, AND A CREW CAPACITY OF 1000 PEOPLE!
SHE'S EQUIPPED WITH TWO 120CM HEAVY MASS CANNONS, FOUR 460MM HEAVY MASS CANNONS, AND SIXTEEN 120CM SMOOTHBORE CANNONS, THAT CAN ALL SWITCH BETWEEN NORMAL BULLETS AND GAUNA TRUE BODY-PIERCING BULLETS!
SHE'S ALSO GOT A HIGH-OUTPUT HIGGS PARTICLE CANNON, TWELVE 20MM MACHINE GUNS, AND A NEW ANTI-GAUNA GUIDED MISSILE THAT CAN TRACK SIXTEEN TARGETS AT ONCE!
squeak
COMMANDER'S AIDE MIDORIKAWA, WHERE ARE YOU!? THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BE STARTING SOON!
GASP!
SORRY!
THE BRIDGE IS THIS WAY!
HURRY UP!

TL NOTE: TADUGANE READS AS "CRANESONG"

WE'RE BEGINNING THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW TACTICAL PATROL CRUISER, MIZUKI.
IT'S HUGE!
YEAH. IT REALLY GETS YOU PUMPED UP.
THEY REALLY BUILT SOMETHING AMAZING! I THOUGHT THEY WERE FOCUSED ON BUILDING MORE GUARDIANS!
ACCORDING TO THE ANALYSIS REPORTS FROM OUR SUPERIORS, IT COULD TAKE ON FIVE OCARINA-CLASS MASS UNION SHIPS AT ONCE AND STILL WIN.

IN THAT CASE, WE'D PROBABLY NEED A THOUSAND OF THESE TO DEFEAT THE LARGE MASS UNION SHIP.
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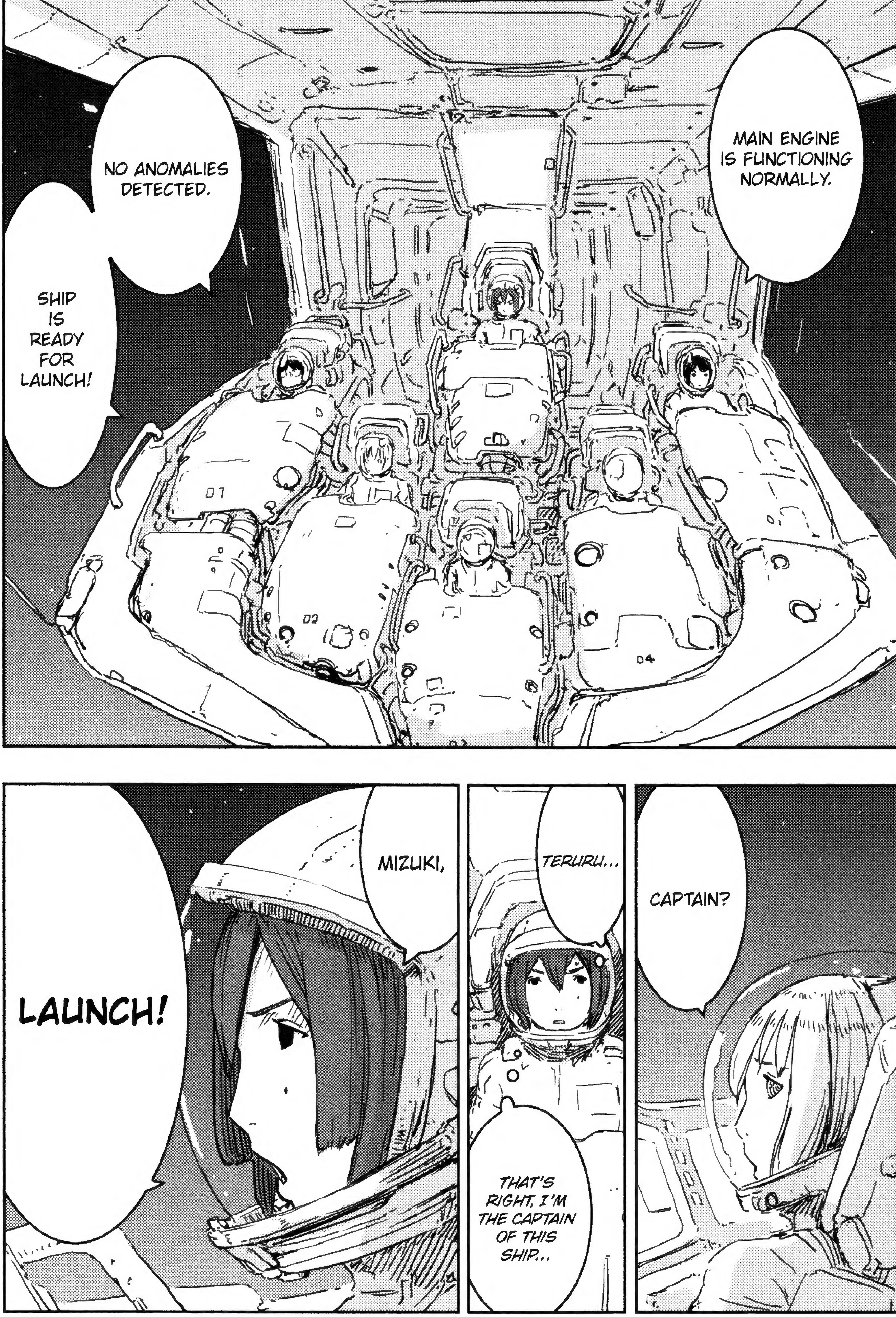
I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU, SASAKI.
PLEASE, LOOK AFTER CAPTAIN KOBAYASHI, SHINATOSE.
YEAH...

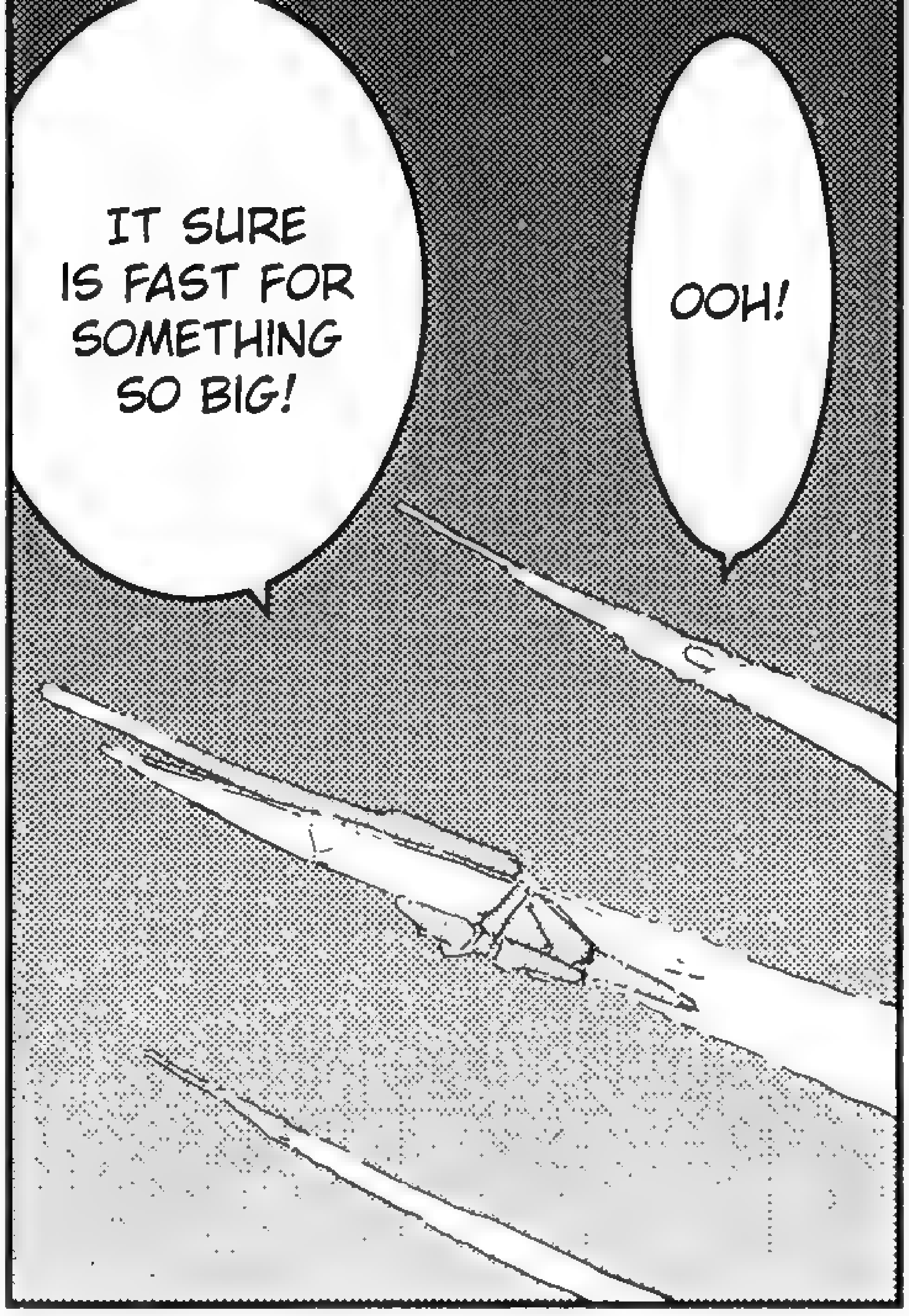
SFX: *RETRACTING*

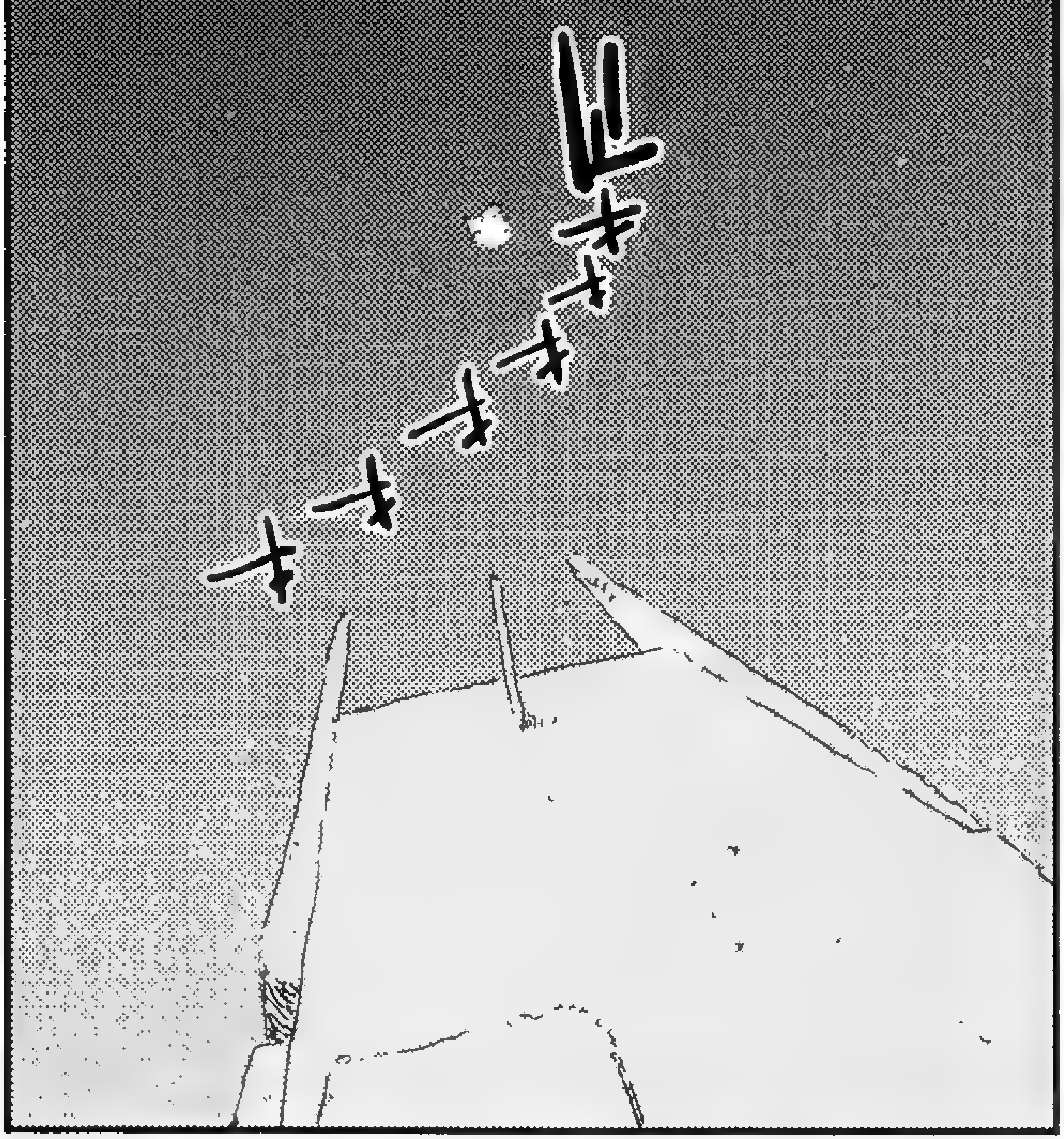

MAIN ENGINE IS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.
NO ANOMALIES DETECTED.
SHIP IS READY FOR LAUNCH!
CAPTAIN?
TERURU...
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP...
MIZUKI,
LAUNCH!

NORMAL ACCELERATION!
ALL GUARDIAN UNITS, TAKE ESCORT POSITIONS!

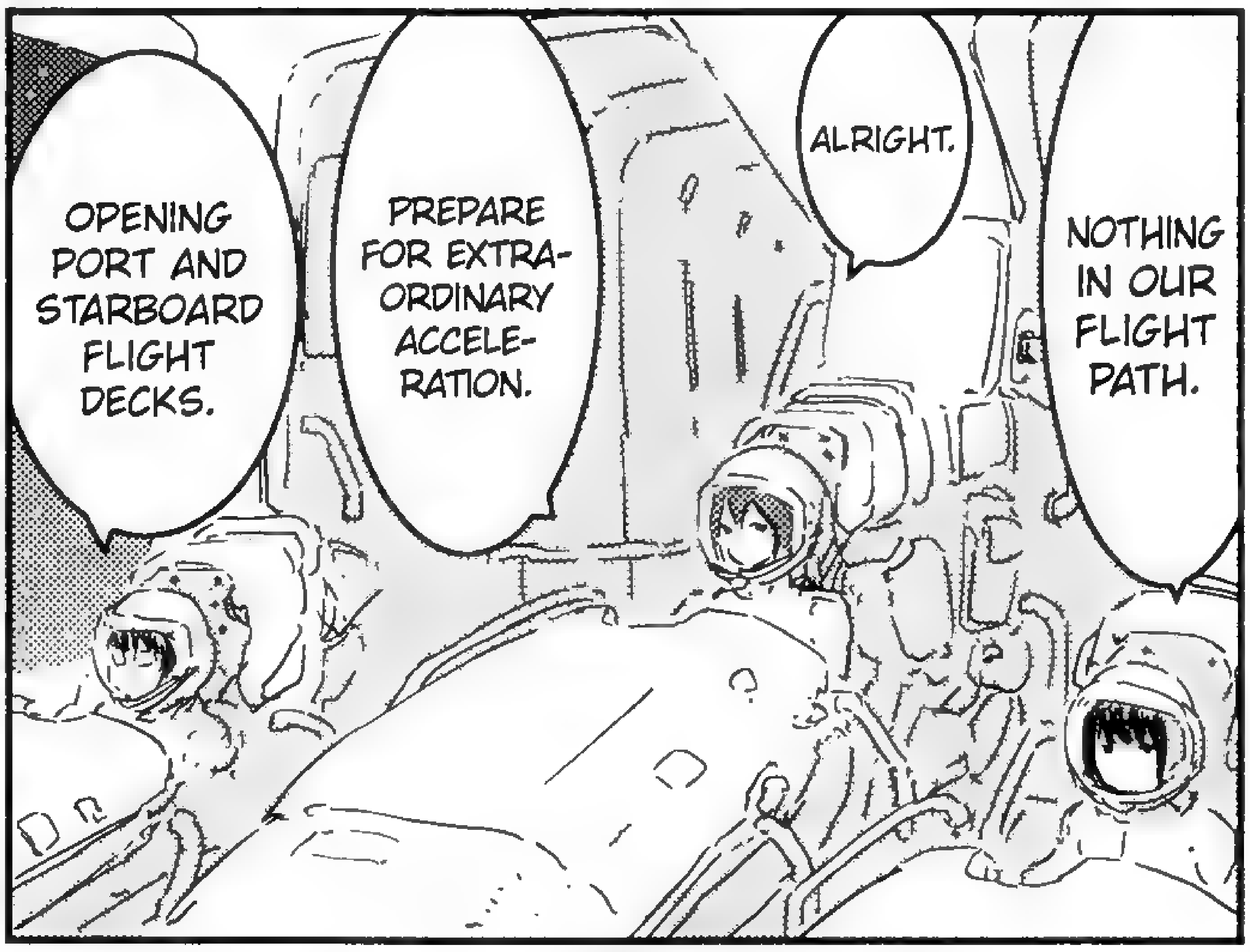
SFX: *GOOOO*

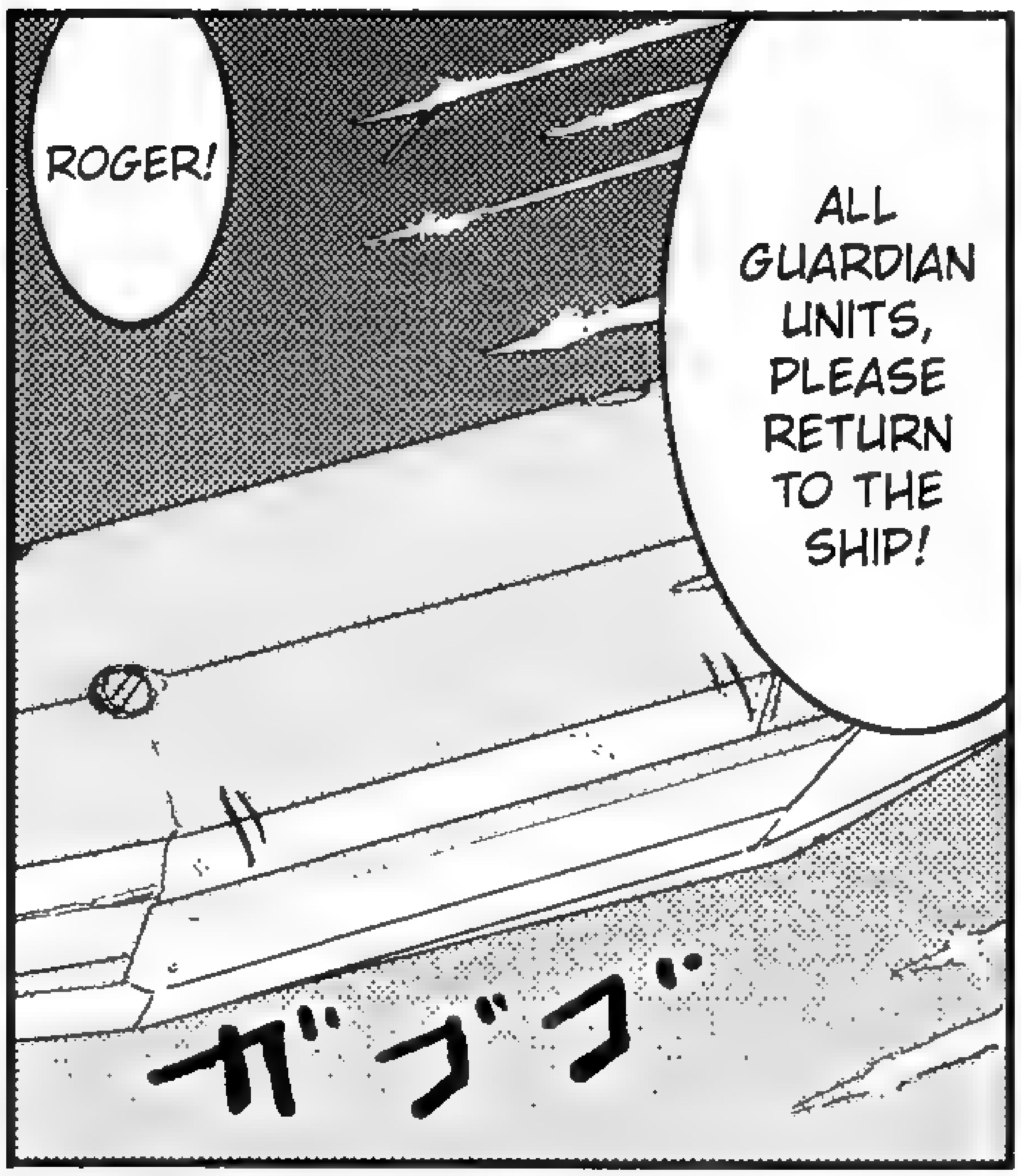
SFX: *IGNITE*


OOH!
IT SURE IS FAST FOR SOMETHING SO BIG!



SFX: *ROAR*


NOTHING IN OUR FLIGHT PATH.
ALRIGHT.
PREPARE FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY ACCELERATION.
OPENING PORT AND STARBOARD FLIGHT DECKS.


ALL GUARDIAN UNITS, PLEASE RETURN TO THE SHIP!
ROGER!
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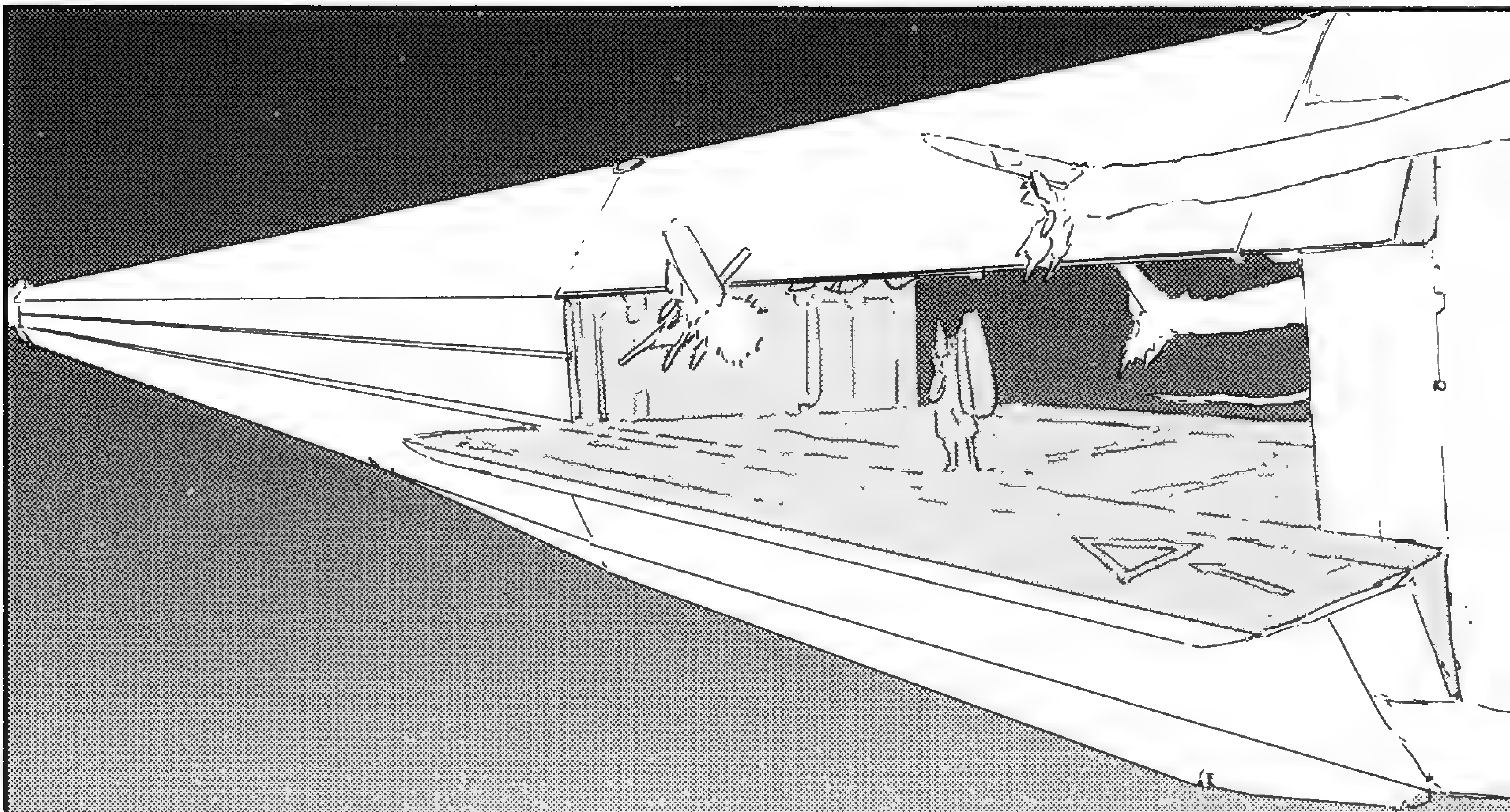
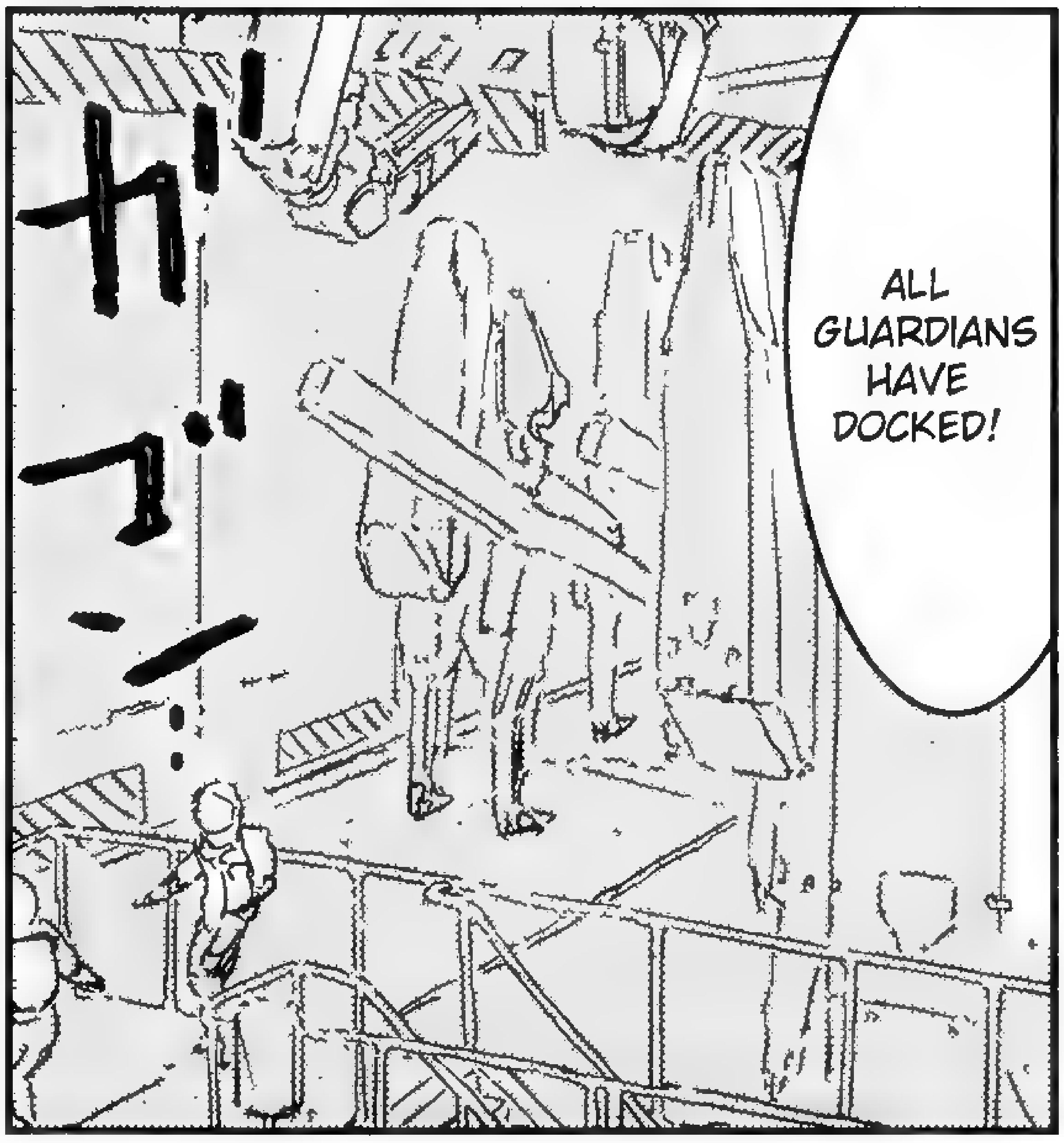
SFX: *GAGON*



SFX: *GAGON*


ALL GUARDIANS HAVE DOCKED!
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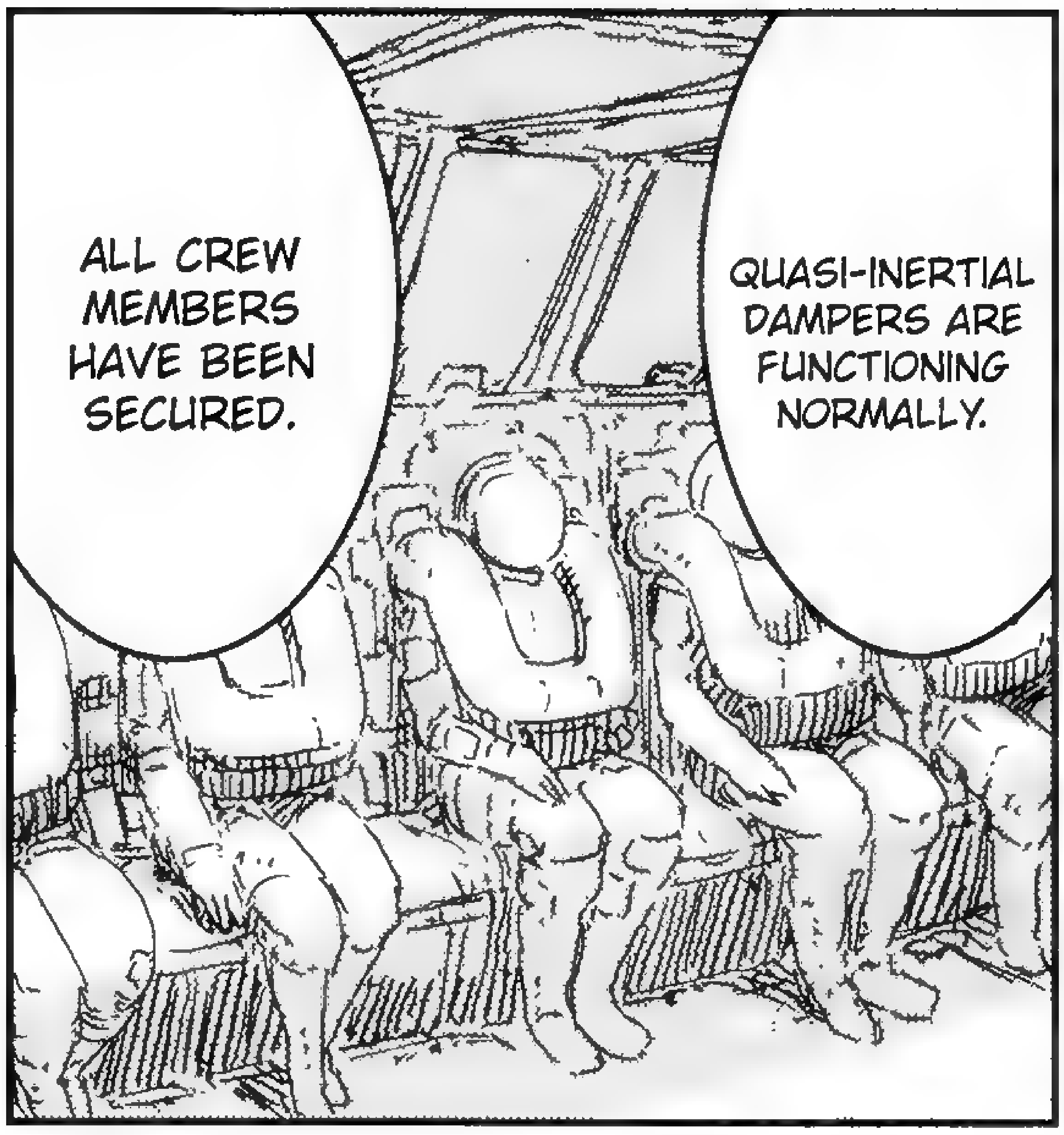
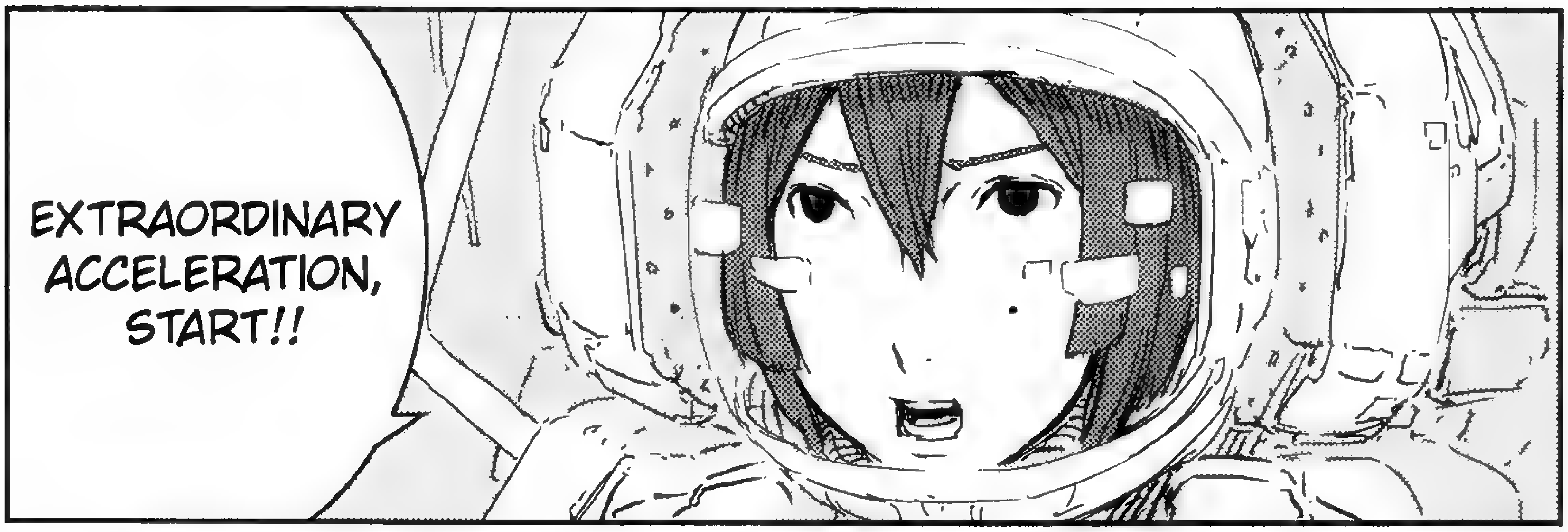
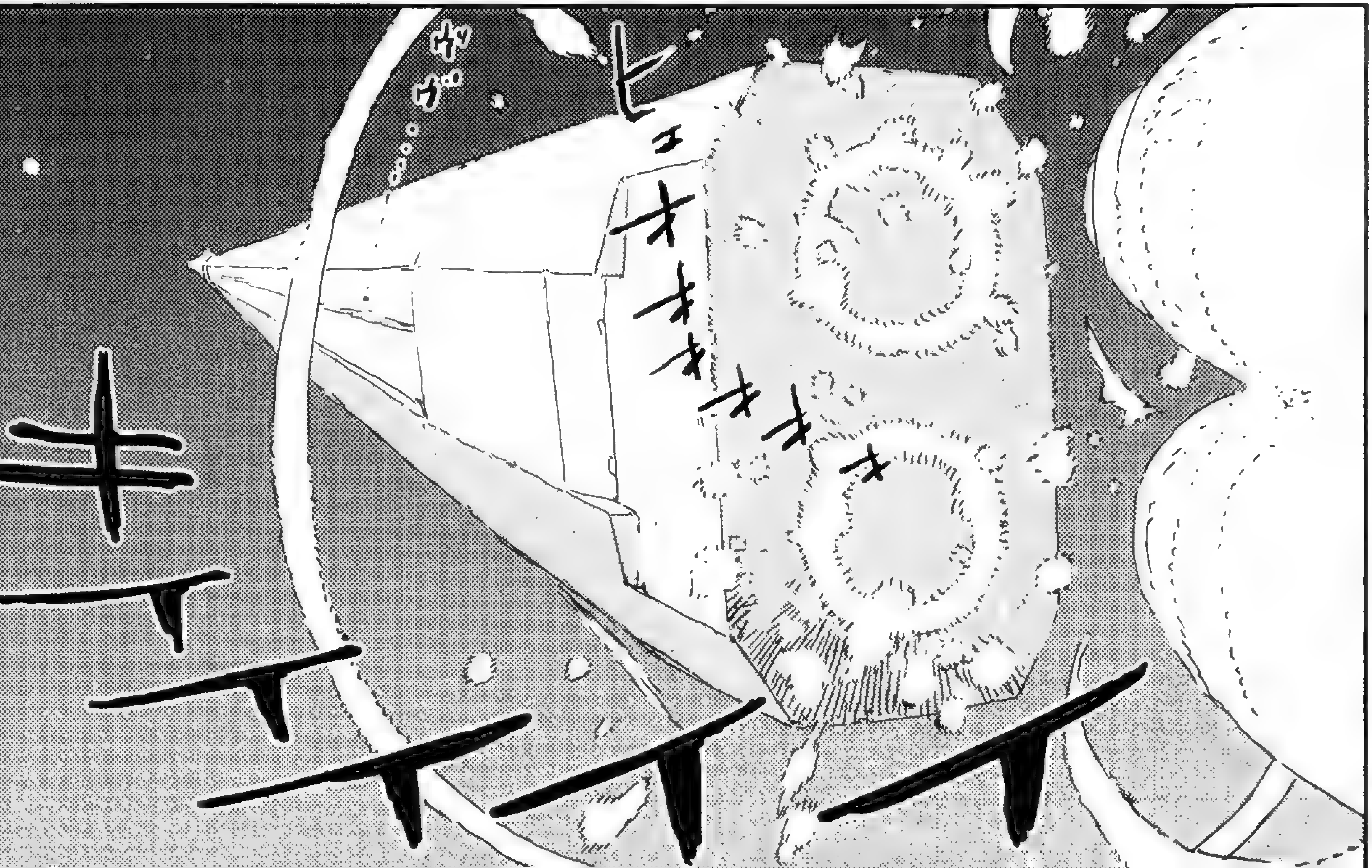
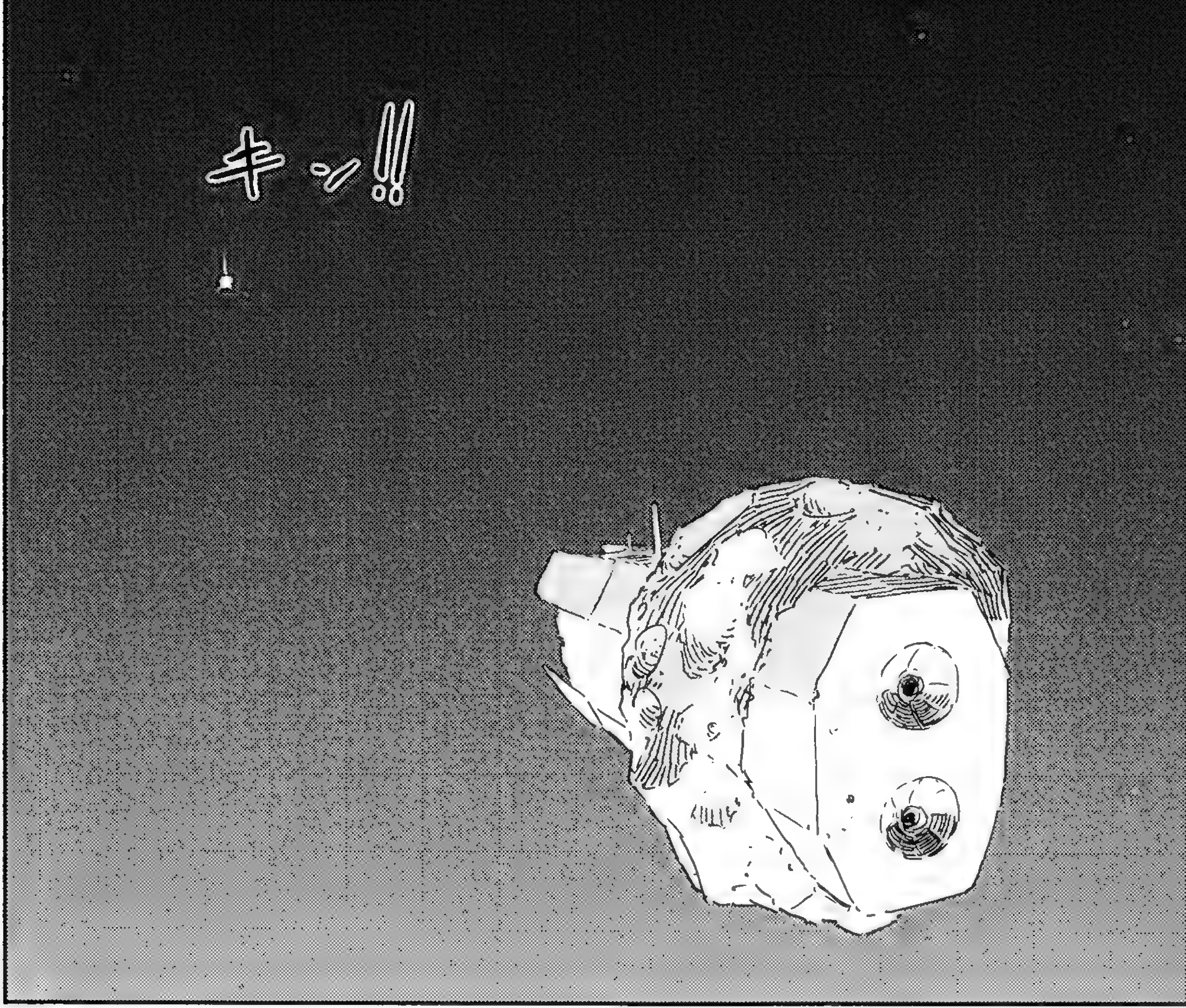

QUASI-INERTIAL DAMPERS ARE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.
ALL CREW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SECURED.

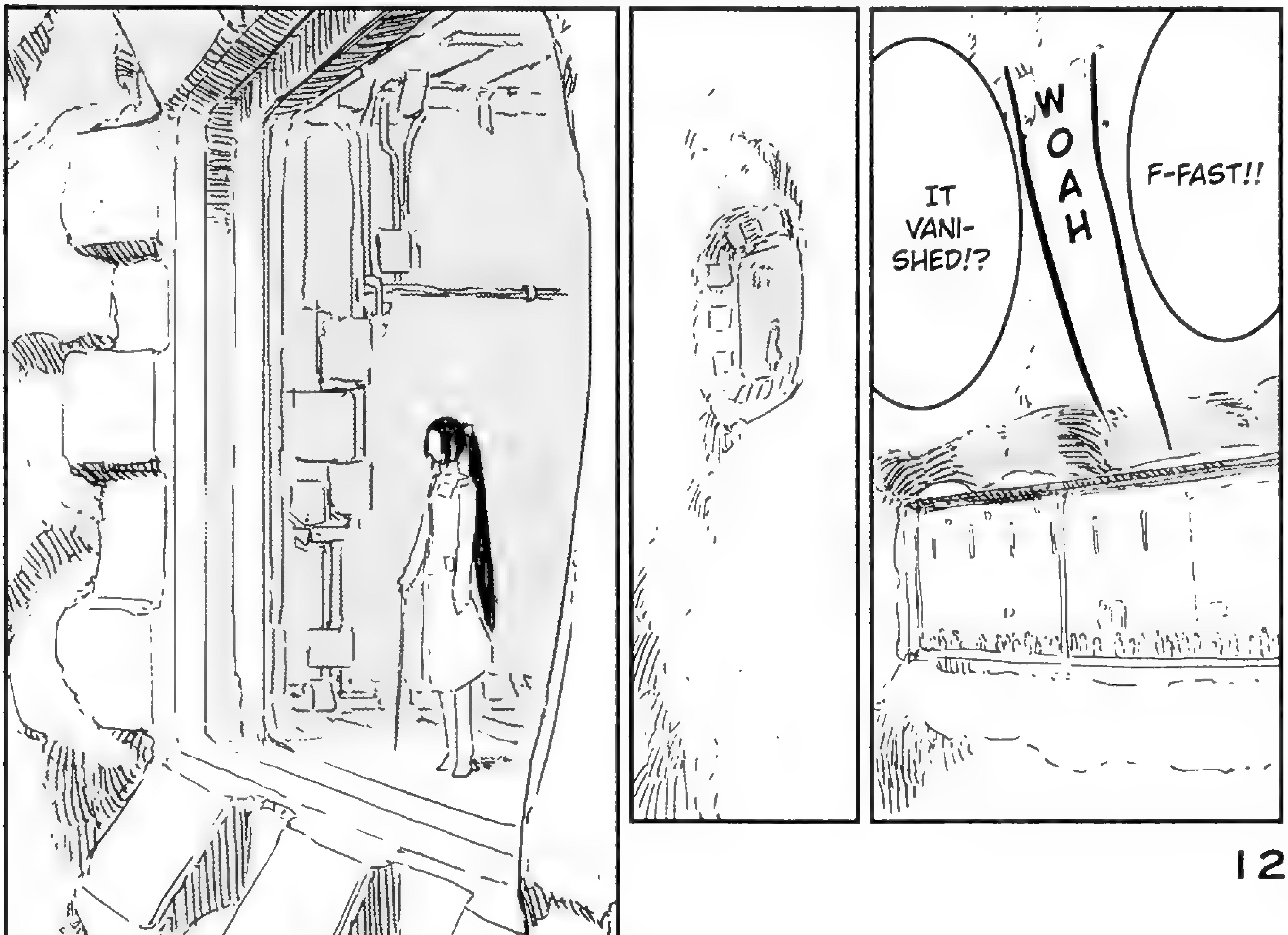

EXTRAORDINARY ACCELERATION, START!!

SFX: *KEEEEEN* *VUVU* *HYUOOOO*





SFX: "PING"


F-FAST!!
WOAH
IT VANISHED!?

SFX: *ROAR*
SFX: *RUMBLE*
……
I-INCREDIBLE...
CEASE ACCELERATION!
ROGER!
SWITCHING TO INERTIAL NAVIGATION!
SFX: *GAGON*
SFX: *SHYUUUU*

NICE JOB BACK THERE!
YOU TOO.
REALLY?
AHAHA
HEY, WE'RE IN THE WAY.
OH, IT'S TANIKAZE.
EH!?

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, TANIKAZE-SAN!
P-PLEASURE TO MEET-!?
YOU'RE... HONOKA..
SHOU!
HONOKA SHOU! THE 22ND HONOKA!
THE 22ND!?
WE JUST GOT 11 NEW SISTERS.
EEH!?
SHOU'S REALLY TALENTED.
SHE WAS IN OUR TEAM JUST NOW.
NO! I'M STILL LEARNING!
ANYWAY, I'M PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.
AH... SAME HERE!

SFX: *GOOOOO*
BY THE WAY, JUST WHAT IS THIS SHIP CARRYING?
THEY TOLD ME BEFORE...
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BUT IT WAS SO COMPLICATED I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF IT, EXCEPT THAT IT'S A MACHINE THAT USES THE STAR SOMEHOW.
SFX: *HMM*
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I THINK I'LL GO AND TAKE A PEEK.
SFX: *GAGON*
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ガゴン
IT'S FINE!
IT'S FINE!
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SFX: *GAGON*
OHO~
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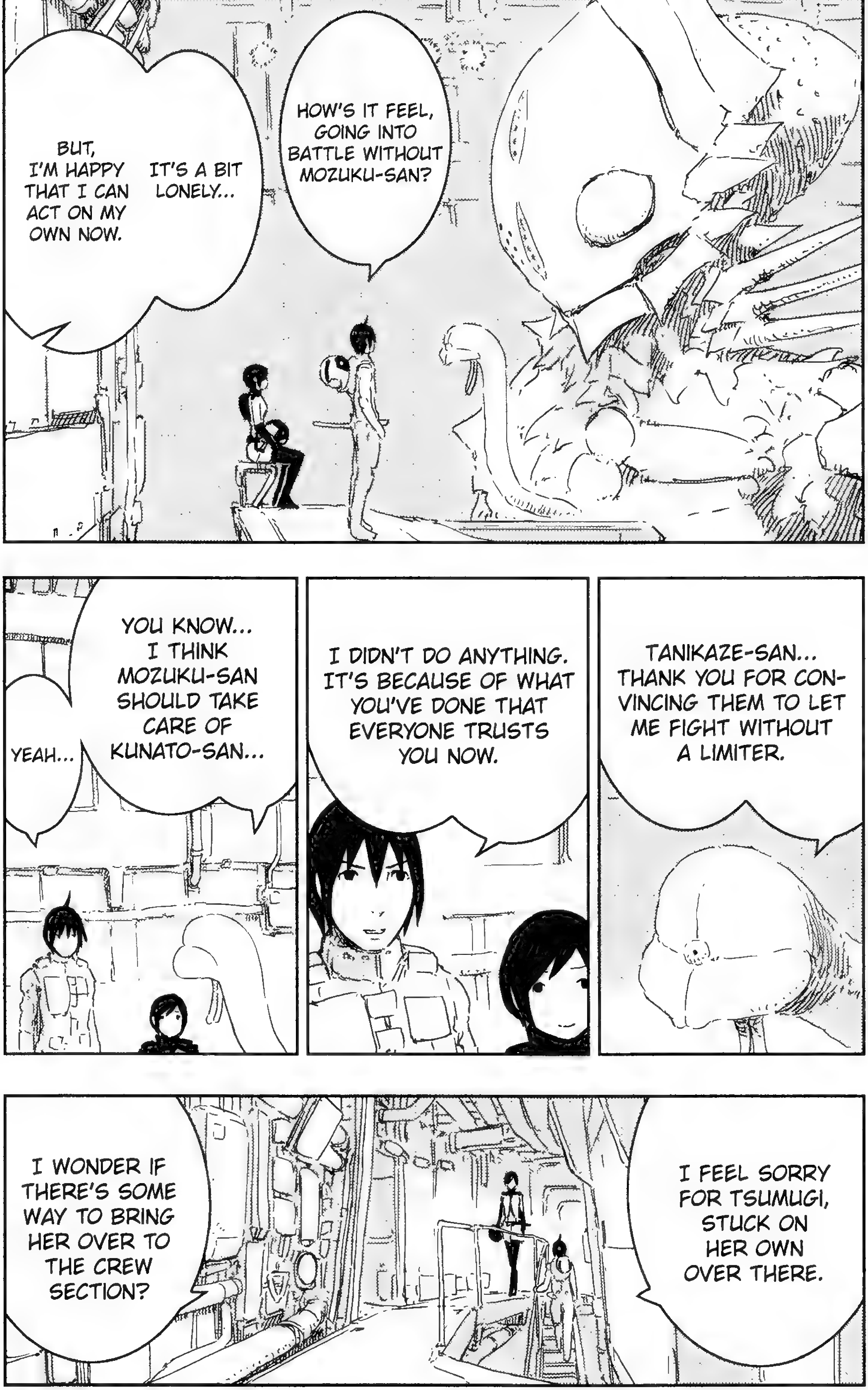
!
OY! YOU THERE!
THIS PLACE IS OFF-LIMITS TO PILOTS!!
EHH!? SORRY!!


HOW'S IT FEEL, GOING INTO BATTLE WITHOUT MOZUKU-SAN?
IT'S A BIT LONELY...
BUT, I'M HAPPY THAT I CAN ACT ON MY OWN NOW.
TANIKAZE-SAN... THANK YOU FOR CONVINCING THEM TO LET ME FIGHT WITHOUT A LIMITER.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING. IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE THAT EVERYONE TRUSTS YOU NOW.
YOU KNOW... I THINK MOZUKU-SAN SHOULD TAKE CARE OF KUNATO-SAN...
YEAH...
I FEEL SORRY FOR TSUMUGI, STUCK ON HER OWN OVER THERE.
I WONDER IF THERE'S SOME WAY TO BRING HER OVER TO THE CREW SECTION?

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I...
WANT TO SEE...
THE WHOLE PICTURE. NO MATTER WHAT.
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THAT'S STRANGE...
I SHOULD BE JUST ABOVE THE HANGAR, RIGHT?
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I MIGHT BE LOST...
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chatter

PHOTOSYNTHESIS
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SFX: *GASHANK* (CLOSE)

CREAK
SFX: *BANG*
SFX: *BUMP*
SFX: *THUMP*
!!
WHO-!!

THERE!
THE GRATE'S BEEN REMOVED.
I KNEW SOMEONE WAS PEEKING!
A SCUMBAG LIKE THAT, DOING THIS ON THE FIRST DAY OF AN IMPORTANT MISSION...
I'LL FIND THAT CRIMINAL AND TEACH HIM WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PUNISHED!
THAT FILTHY...
I'M SCARED, REN-ONEE-SAN...
DON'T WORRY, SHOU.
♪

TANI-KAZE...
YOU...
!
I-IS SOMETHING WRONG?
IT REALLY WASN'T YOU?
THEN, WHAT'S THAT TOOL FOR?
RIGHT.
THIS IS...

I HEARD THAT YOU'VE BEEN CAUGHT IN THE GIRLS PHOTOSYNTHESIS ROOM BEFORE.
I GUESS I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU, TANIKAZE.
......
WHAT A WORTHLESS MAN, DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
....
EVEN IF YOU'RE A HERO, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DEFEND IT...
......
SFX: *SHOCK*
ビク..
HOLD ON A MINUTE!

SAMARI-SAN...
I'VE BEEN TRAVELING THROUGH THE VENTILATION SHAFTS!
TANIKAZE-SAN HAS BEEN OPENING THE GRATES FOR ME!
TSUMUGI!!
EH!?
TANIKAZE-SAN SAW THAT I WAS LONELY AND WANTED TO HELP ME GO AROUND AND SEE EVERYONE...
SIGH... WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL US THE TRUTH?
WELL... THAT'S...
PLEASE, FORGIVE ME FOR SUSPECTING YOU.
AH, IT'S FINE! DON'T MENTION IT!

SFX: *VOON*

IT'S TRUE THOUGH, THE THOUGHT OF YOU BEING LEFT ON YOUR OWN OVER THERE IS PRETTY SAD.
I'LL TALK TO THE SHIP'S MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
AGAIN, I'M SORRY I DOUBTED YOU...
I'M SO SORRY!
THAT'S ALRIGHT.
AH! TERURU-SAN! WANNA HAVE A PILLOW FIGHT?
YOU'RE SO NOISY TSUMUGI!!
NOT WITH YOU!
THE CASE OF THE PEEPING TOM IS STILL OPEN THOUGH...
WHO WAS THE REAL CULPRIT...

ALL HANDS, PREPARE FOR TYPE-II COMBAT DEPLOYMENT.
I REPEAT, ALL HANDS-
WE'VE PROCESSED ALL THE INFORMATION FROM THE PATROL UNITS.
THE SENSOR SWEEP WAS ALSO COMPLETED.
WE'VE DETECTED SOME KIND OF SPATIAL ANOMALY.
AT ITS THICKEST, ITS MAXIMUM DIAMETER IS ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS.
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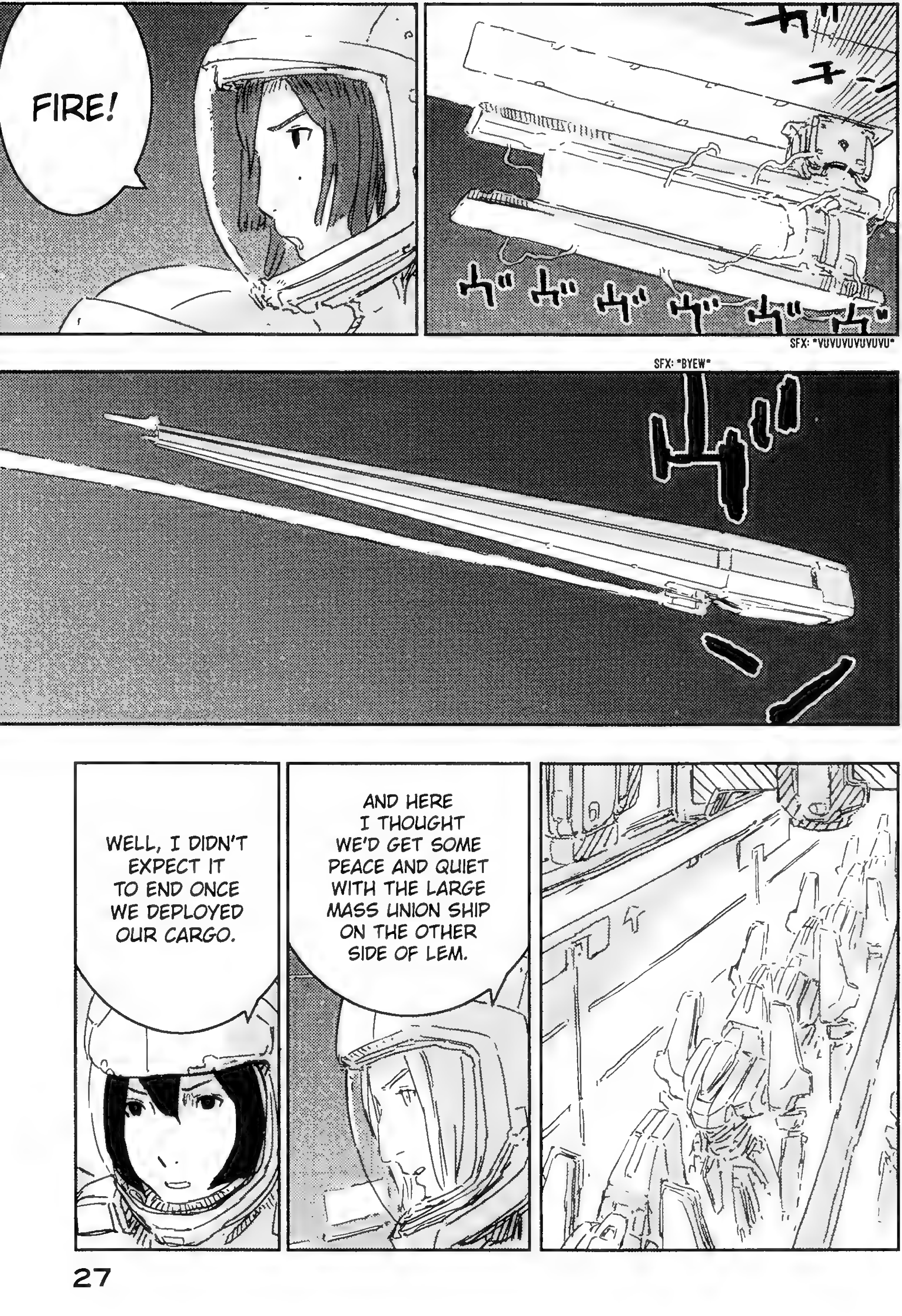
TARGET THE SPATIAL ANOMALY, AND PREPARE THE HIGGS PARTICLE CANNON FOR A WIDE DIAMETER SHOT!
ROGER!
GON


SFX: *GACHIN*
SFX: *VUVUVUVUVUVU*
FIRE!
SFX: *BYEW*
AND HERE I THOUGHT WE'D GET SOME PEACE AND QUIET WITH THE LARGE MASS UNION SHIP ON THE OTHER SIDE OF LEM.
WELL, I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO END ONCE WE DEPLOYED OUR CARGO.

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IMPACT WITH TARGET IMMINENT!
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SPATIAL ANOMALY ZONE
WIDE DIAMETER HIGGS PARTICLES
バッ

SFX: *GOGO_GOGO_*

SFX: *KIIII*

SFX: *BA*

SFX: *BEEP BEEP*

THIS RESPONSE!!
THE GAUNA IS MATERIALIZING!
HAA-
HAA-
GAUNA...
SHOU, YOU ALRIGHT?
Y-YES!

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CHAPTER
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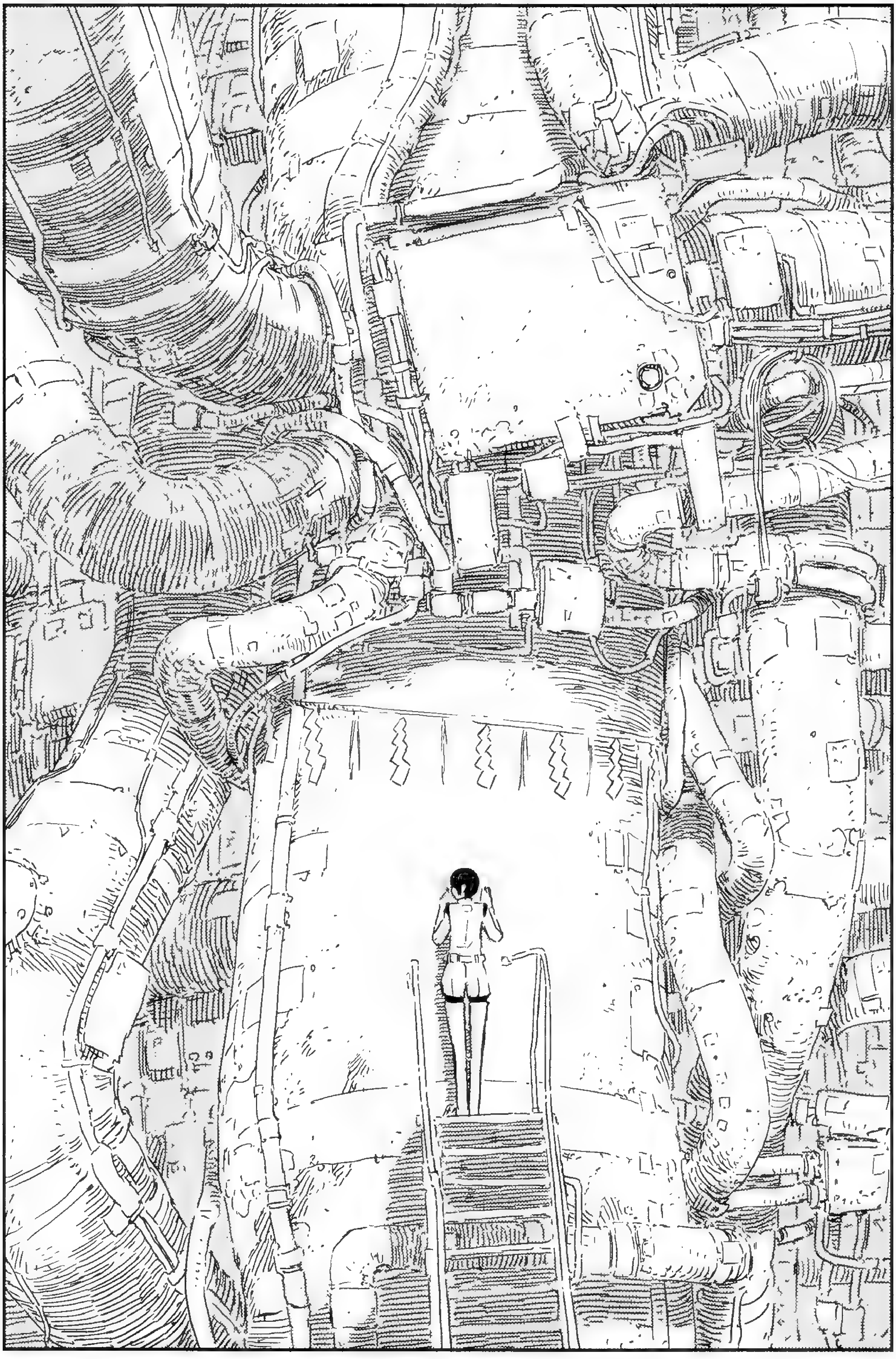
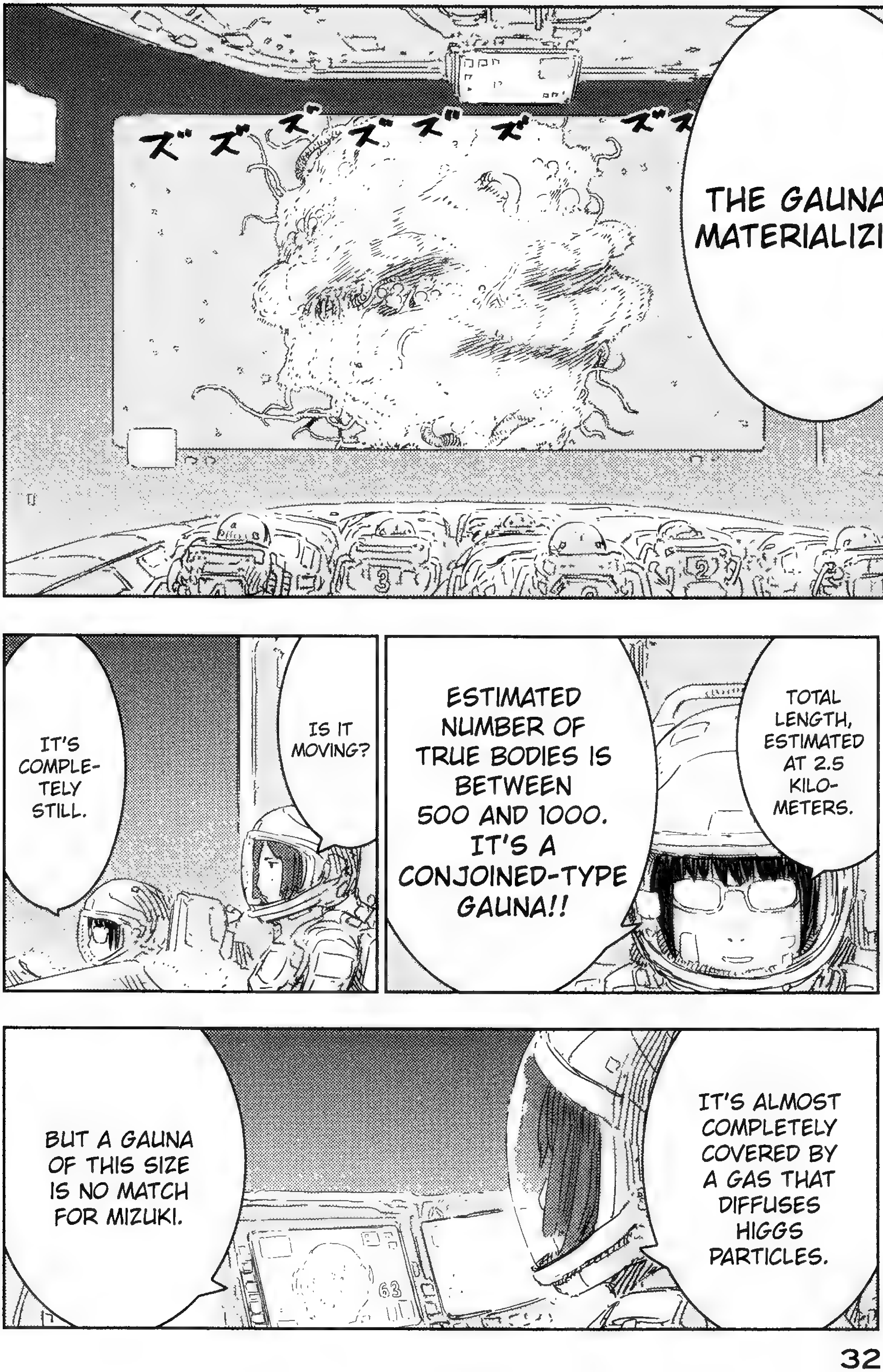
CHAPTER 56 THE PROTEAN GAUNA



100 SIGHTS OF SIDONIA PART 42
THE OLDEST CONVERTER PIPE IN SIDONIA

SFX: *ZUZUZU*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THE GAUNA IS MATERIALIZING!
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TOTAL LENGTH, ESTIMATED AT 2.5 KILOMETERS.
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF TRUE BODIES IS BETWEEN 500 AND 1000. IT'S A CONJOINED-TYPE GAUNA!!
IS IT MOVING?
IT'S COMPLETELY STILL.
IT'S ALMOST COMPLETELY COVERED BY A GAS THAT DIFFUSES HIGGS PARTICLES.
BUT A GAUNA OF THIS SIZE IS NO MATCH FOR MIZUKI.
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BRING IT IN RANGE OF OUR TRUE BODY-PIERCING CANNONS!
AND JUST TO BE SAFE, DEPLOY THE GUARDIANS AND HAVE THEM ENGAGE IT FIRST!
YESSIR!
OPENING FLIGHT DECK!
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ガシューン

SFX: *GAGON*

SFX: *GOU*

SFX: *GASHUNK*

SFX: "GASHUU" (LAUNCH)
SFX: "HYOOOO"
24-UNIT CLASP!
ROGER!

A RING OF LIGHT, SOARING OUT TO STRIKE THE GAUNA.
TANIKAZE, IZANA-SAN, AND TSUMUGI ARE A PART OF IT.
THE GUARDIAN SQUADRON WILL ENGAGE THE ENEMY SOON.
GA
MIZUKI
SFX: *DOOOOOO*
JUST ATTACK FROM A SAFE DISTANCE AND SEE HOW IT REACTS.
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF.
ROGER. BREAK CLASP FORMATION!
BEGIN FIRING!!

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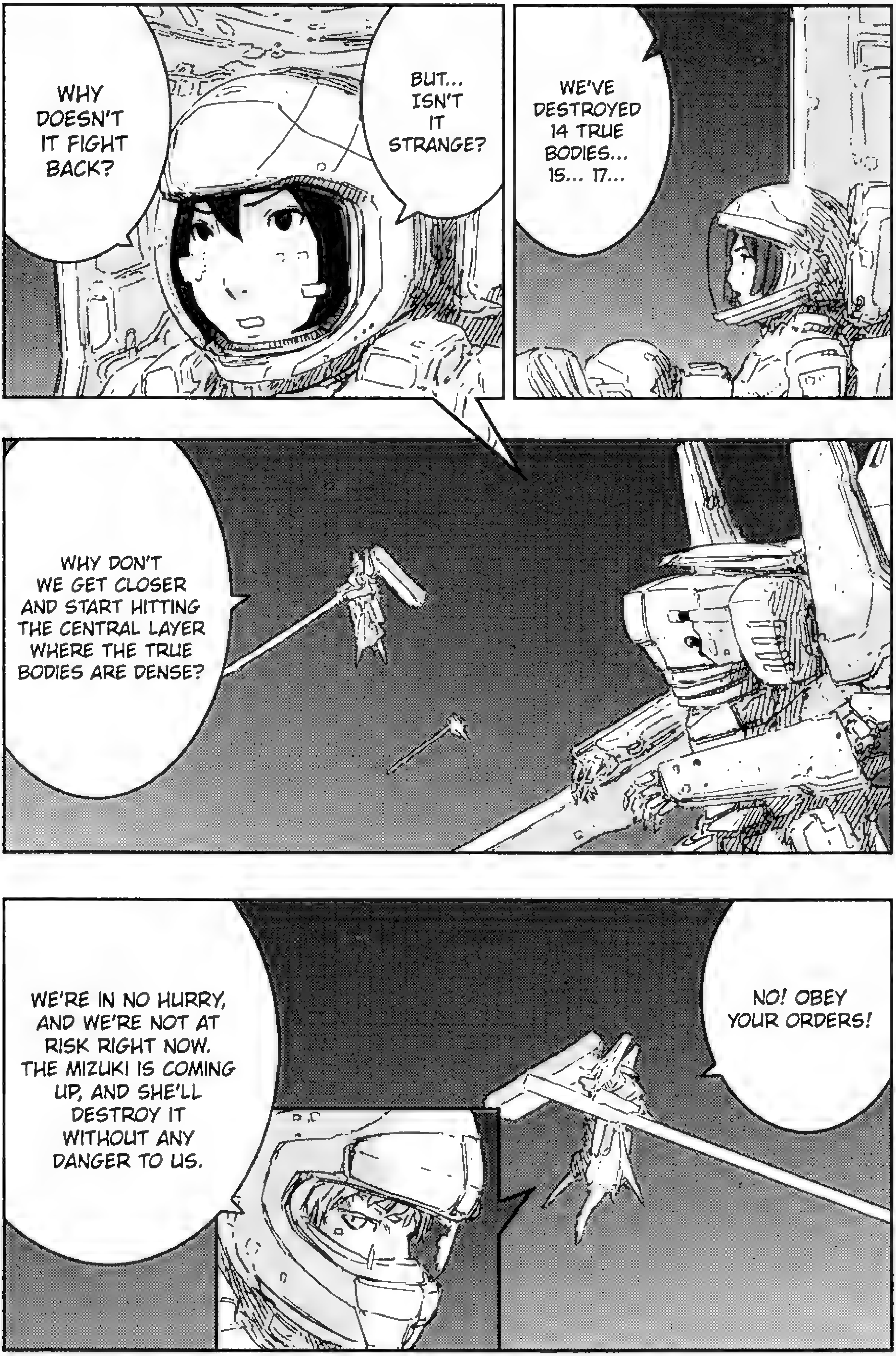
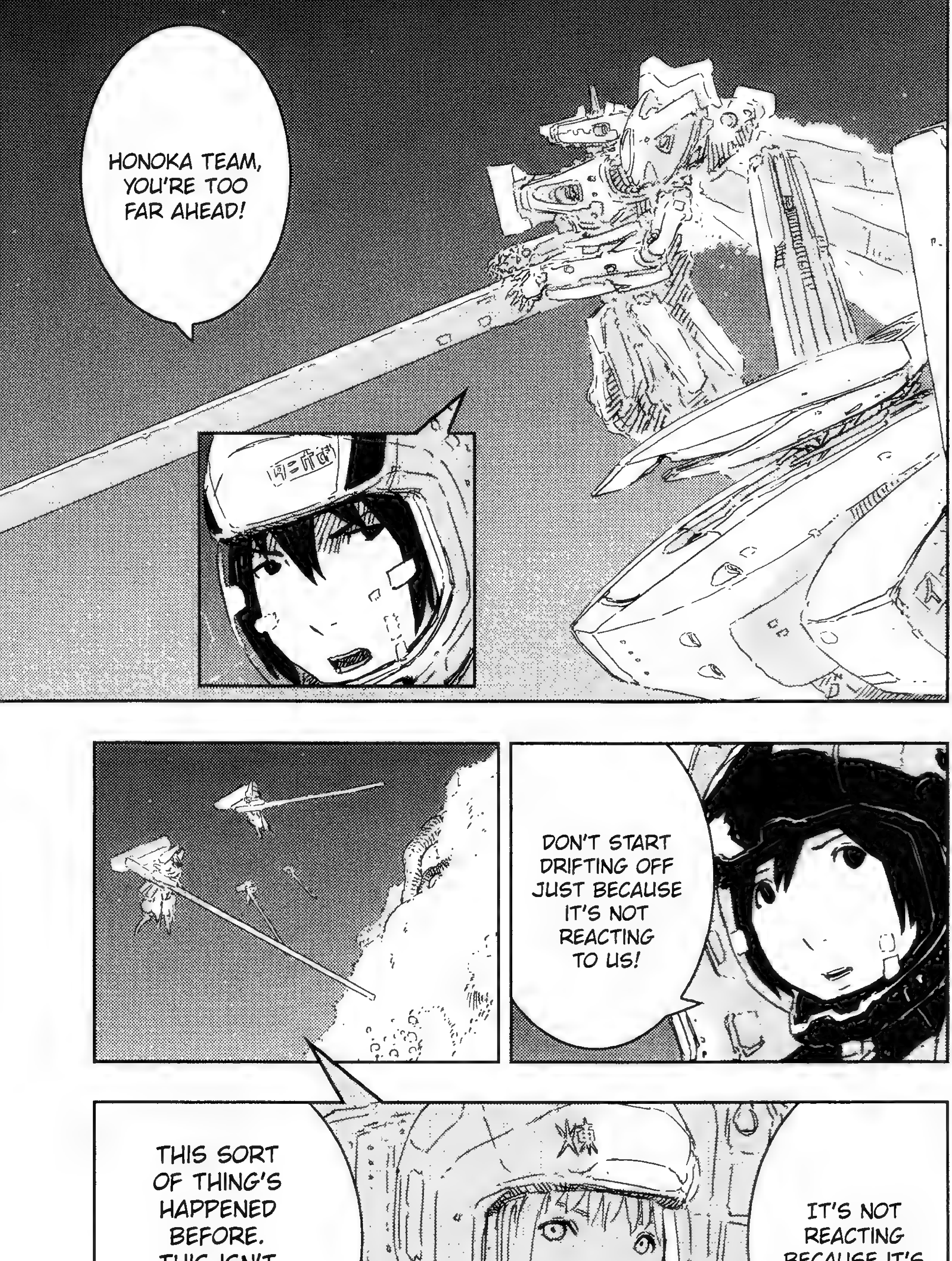
SFX: *BOOM*
SFX: *GABOOM*
SFX: *FOAM*
ONE TRUE BODY DESTROYED!
IT'S STILL MUDDY AND SHAPELESS, BUT IT'S JUST ORDINARY PLACENTA. IT'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE!


WE'VE DESTROYED 14 TRUE BODIES... 15... 17...
BUT... ISN'T IT STRANGE?
WHY DOESN'T IT FIGHT BACK?
WHY DON'T WE GET CLOSER AND START HITTING THE CENTRAL LAYER WHERE THE TRUE BODIES ARE DENSE?
NO! OBEY YOUR ORDERS!
WE'RE IN NO HURRY, AND WE'RE NOT AT RISK RIGHT NOW. THE MIZUKI IS COMING UP, AND SHE'LL DESTROY IT WITHOUT ANY DANGER TO US.


HONOKA TEAM, YOU'RE TOO FAR AHEAD!
DON'T START DRIFTING OFF JUST BECAUSE IT'S NOT REACTING TO US!
IT'S NOT REACTING BECAUSE IT'S A GAUNA.
THIS SORT OF THING'S HAPPENED BEFORE. THIS ISN'T UNUSUAL BEHAVIOR FOR THEM.

IT DOESN'T LOOK DORMANT THOUGH.
ACTUALLY, IT SEEMS TO BE GROWING MORE ACTIVE.
PLEASE, EVERYONE, KEEP YOUR GUARD UP.
I'M SENDING BACK DETAILED OBSERVATIONAL DATA ON THE CONJOINED GAUNA.
THIS IS...
ITS INTERNAL STRUCTURE IS CHANGING RAPIDLY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

SFX: *BEBEBEBEBEBEBEBEEP*
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT... IT LOOKS LIKE THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE TRUE BODIES ARE BREAKING APART.
!!!
IT CAN'T BE...!
SFX: *SYOOOO*
SFX: *POP* *POP* *POP* *POP*
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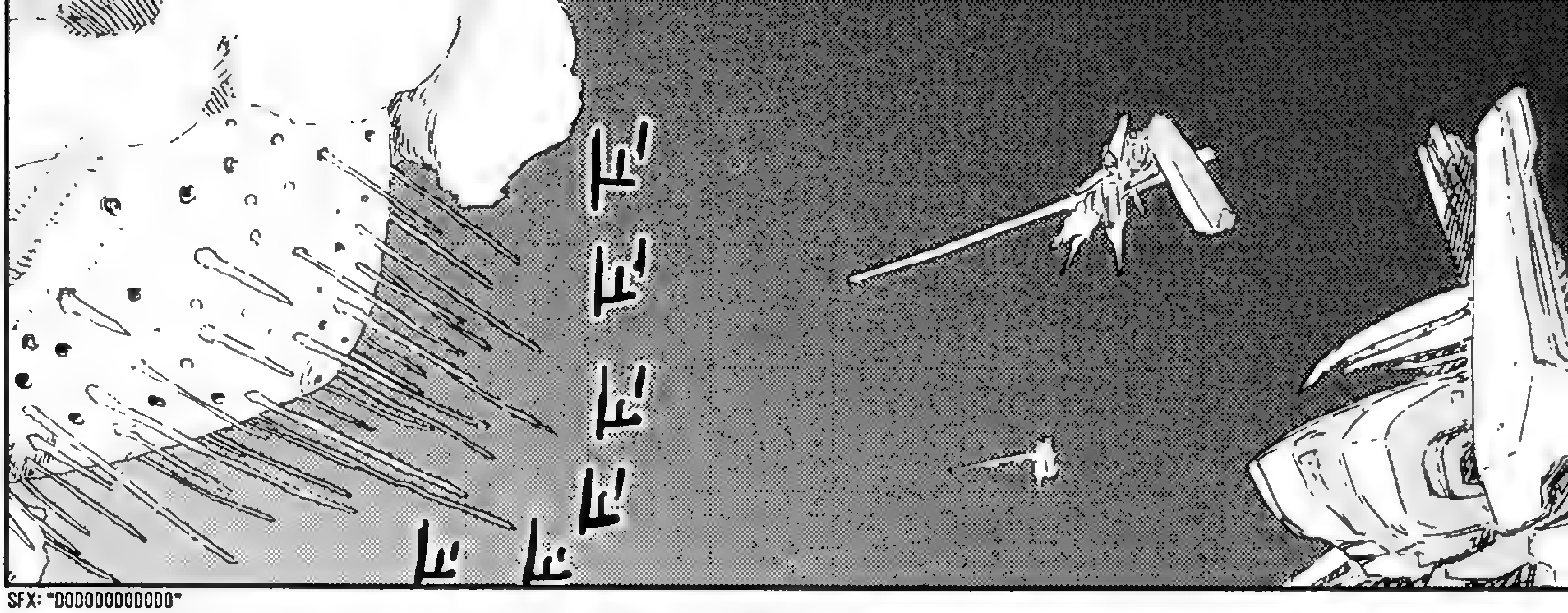
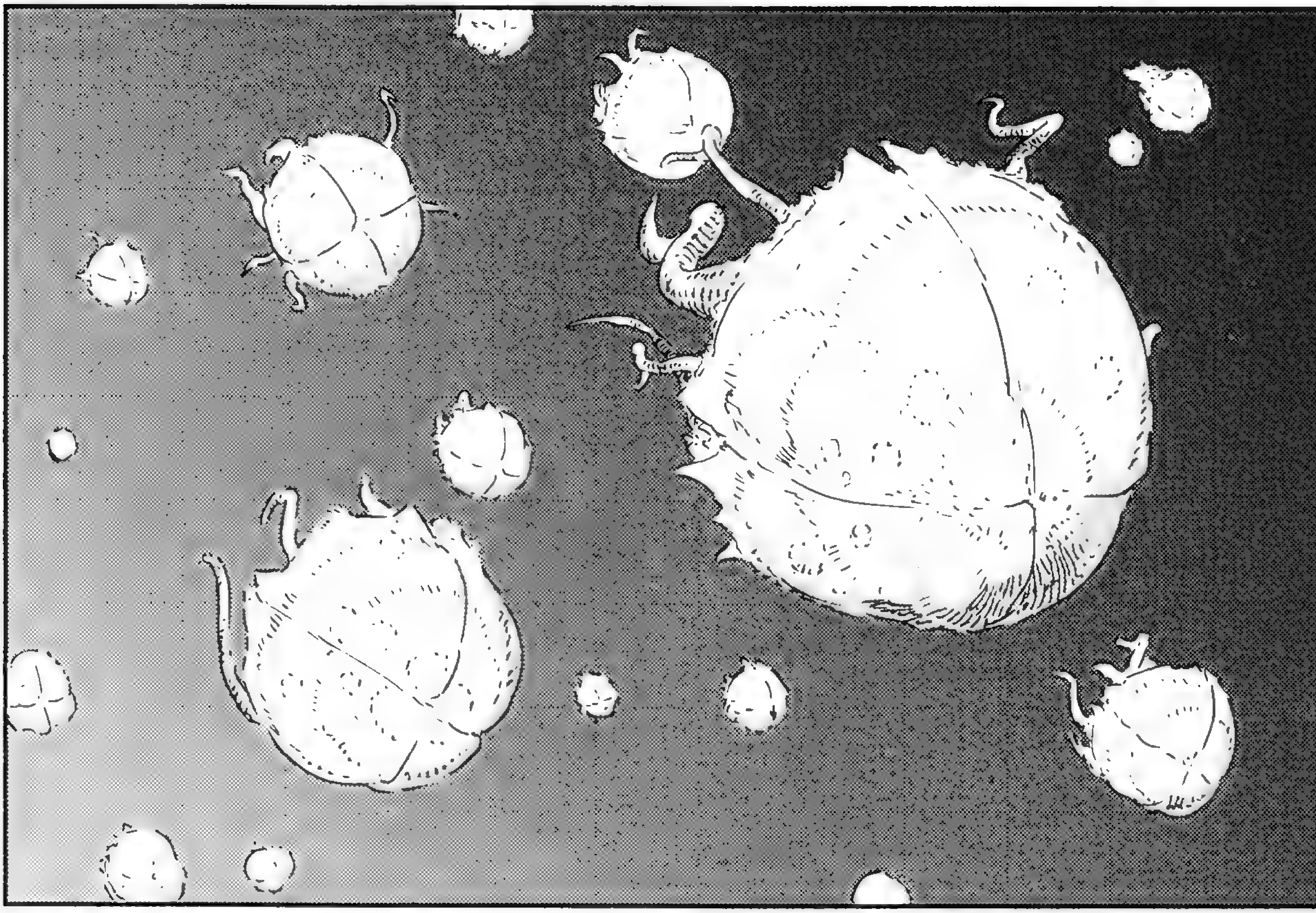
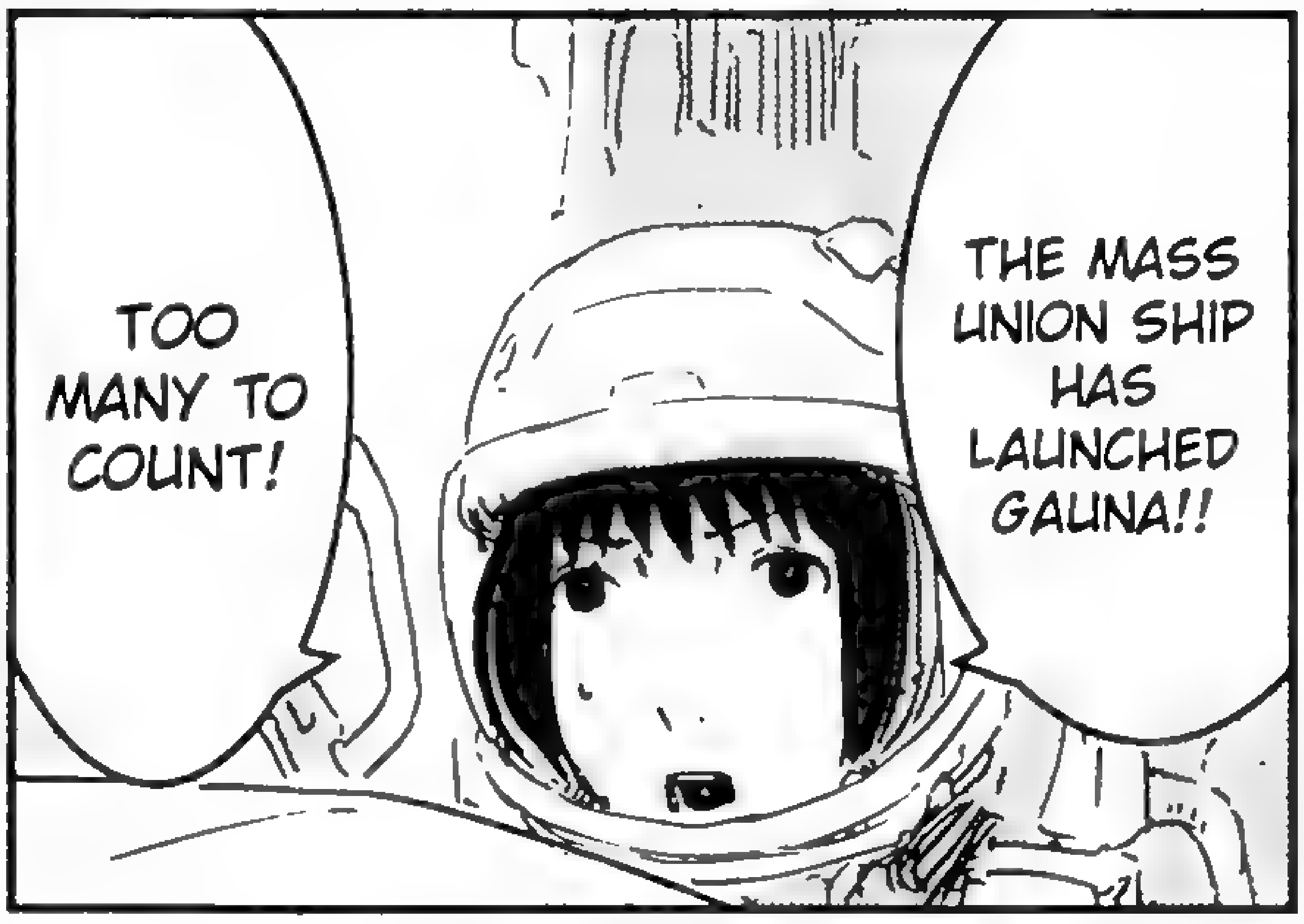
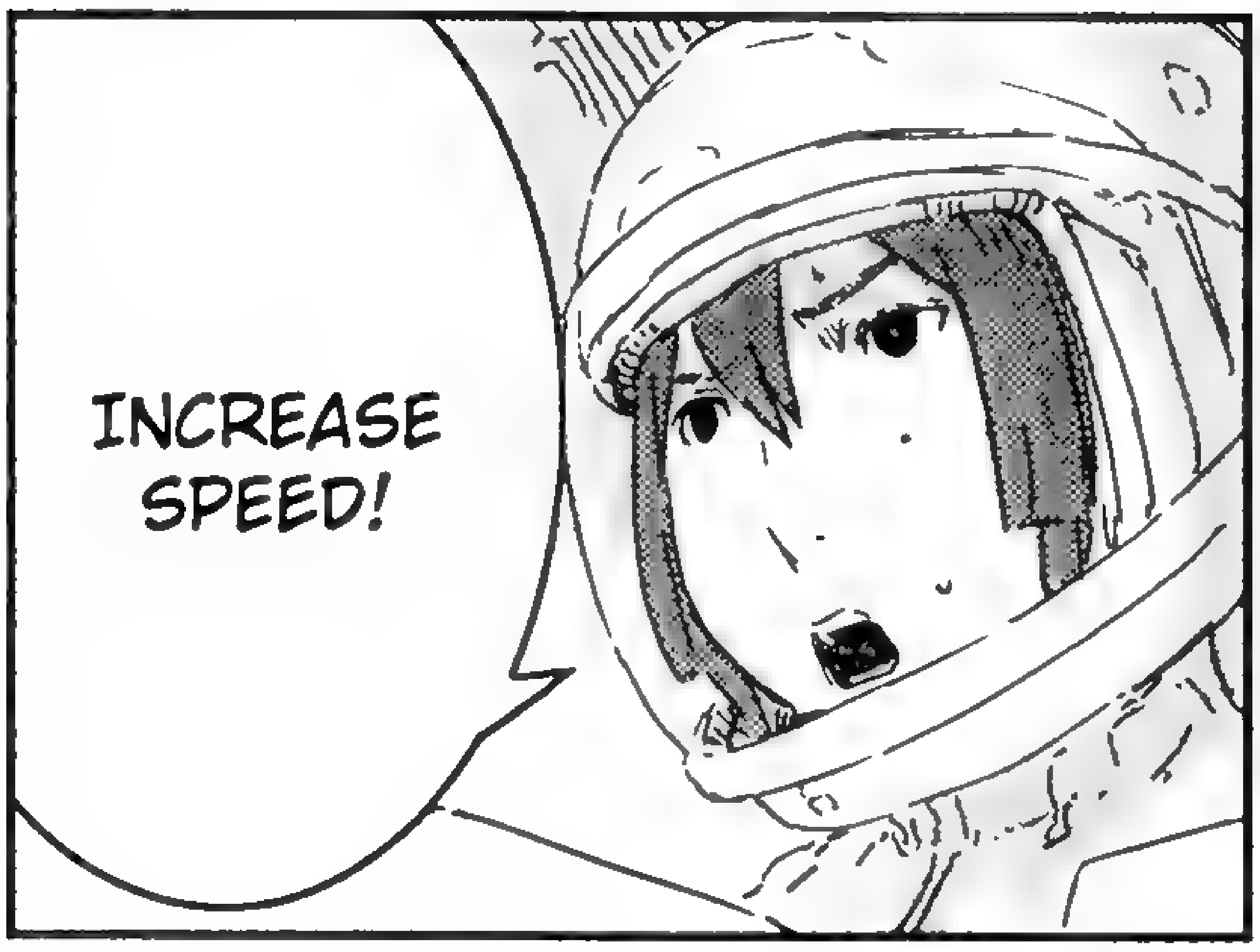
THIS FORM IS...
A MASS UNION SHIP!!



SFX: "DODODODODODO"




THE MASS UNION SHIP HAS LAUNCHED GAUNA!!
TOO MANY TO COUNT!


INCREASE SPEED!

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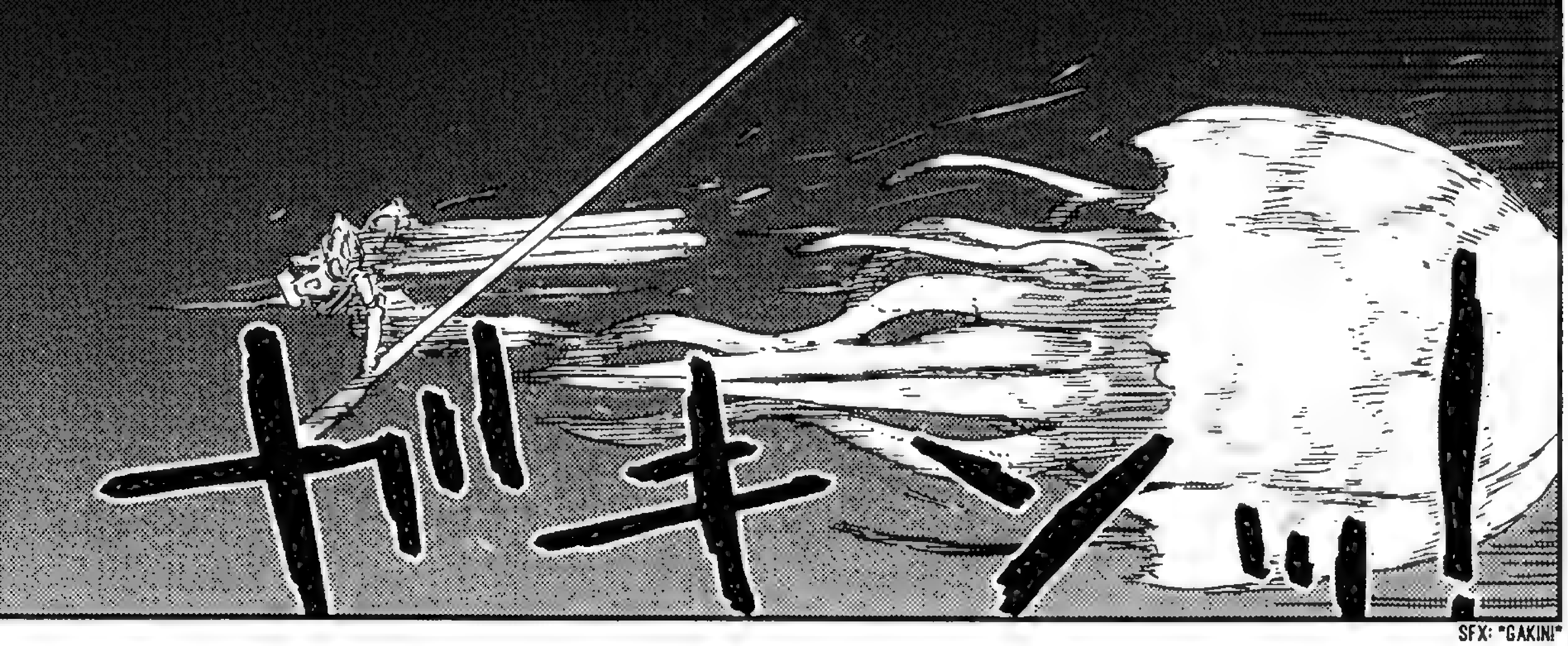
SFX: *BOOM*
SFX: *BASHEEEE* (RICOCHET)
SFX: *SHUU*
!!
WE CAN'T PIERCE THE PLACENTA CAPS!
GUARDIAN SQUADRON, RETREAT!!

RETREAT!!
WE CAN'T! THEY'VE SURROUNDED US!

SFX: *DO-KI*

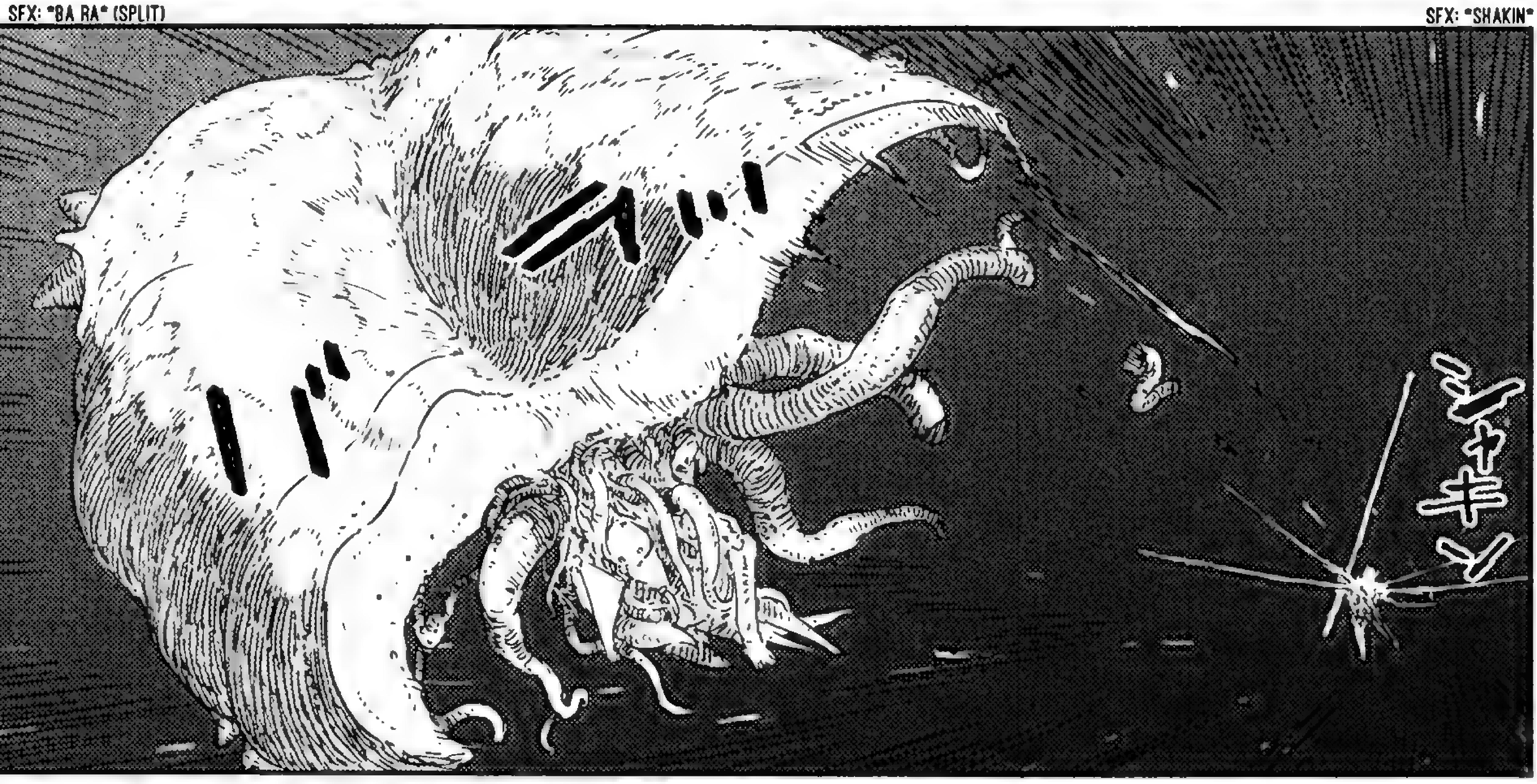
SFX: *CHINK*



SFX: "GAKIN!"

SFX: "BA RA" (SPLIT)

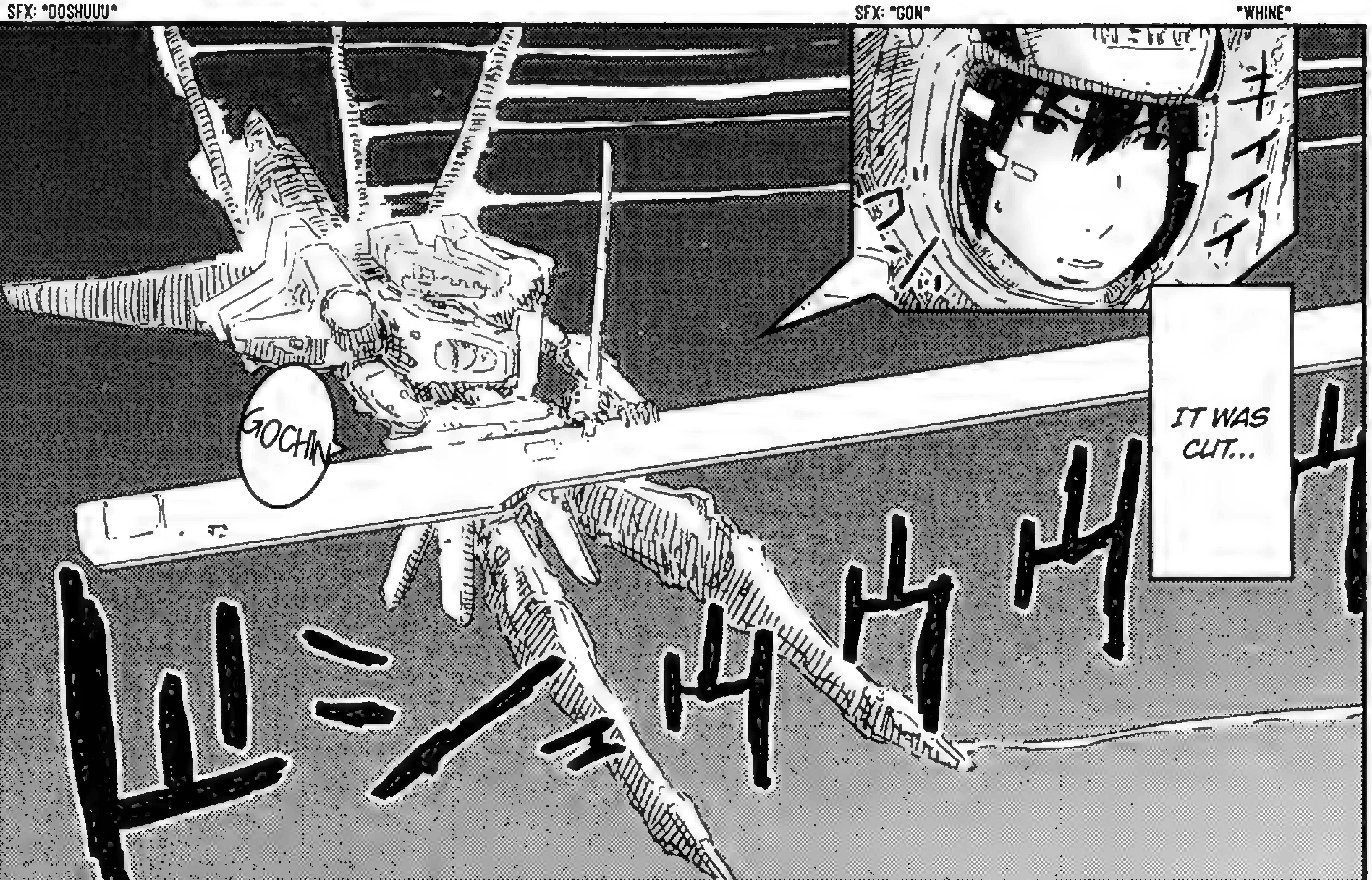
SFX: "SHAKIN"



SFX: "DOSHUUU"

SFX: "GON"

"WHINE"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IT WAS CUT...
GOCHIN
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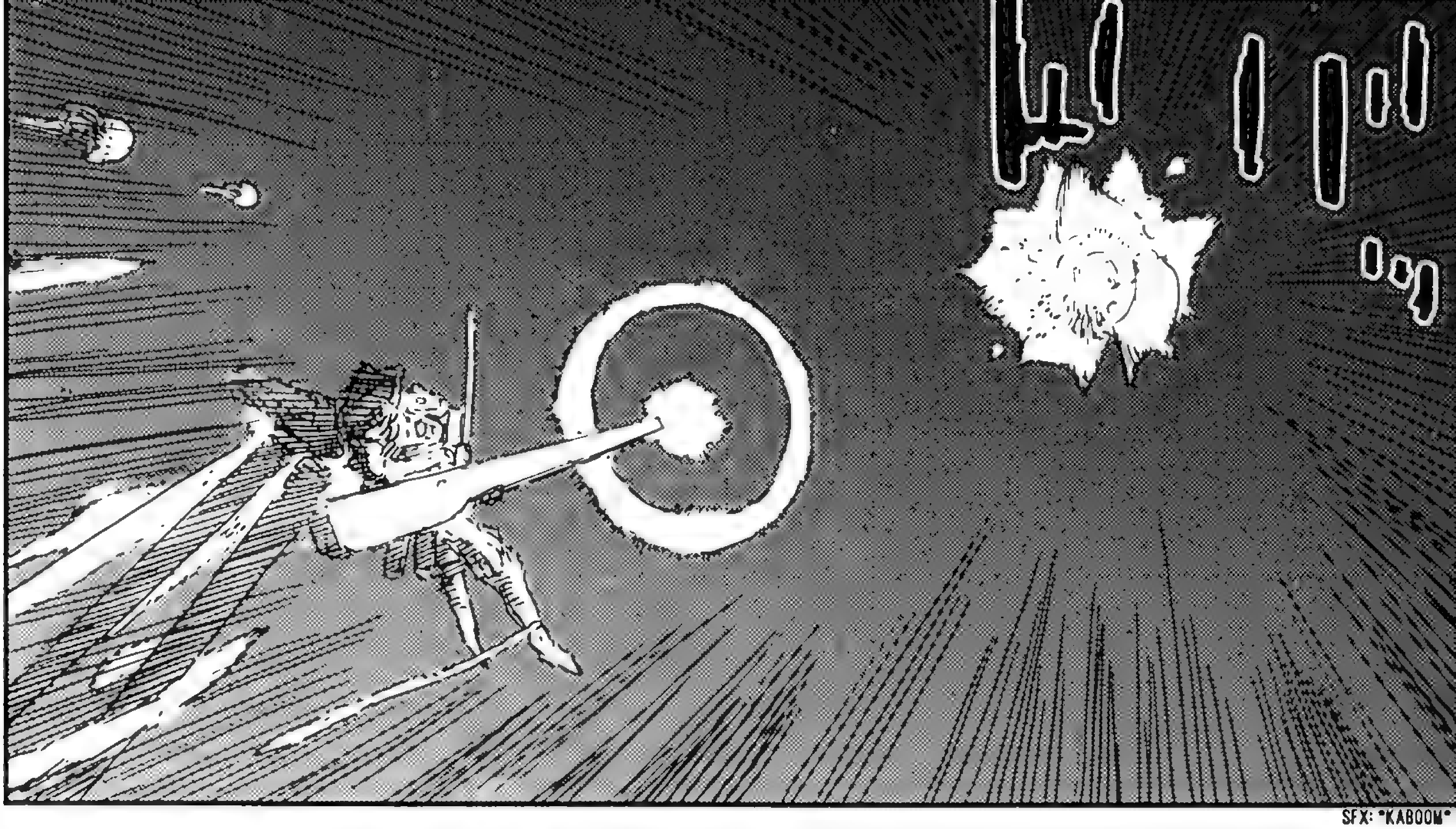
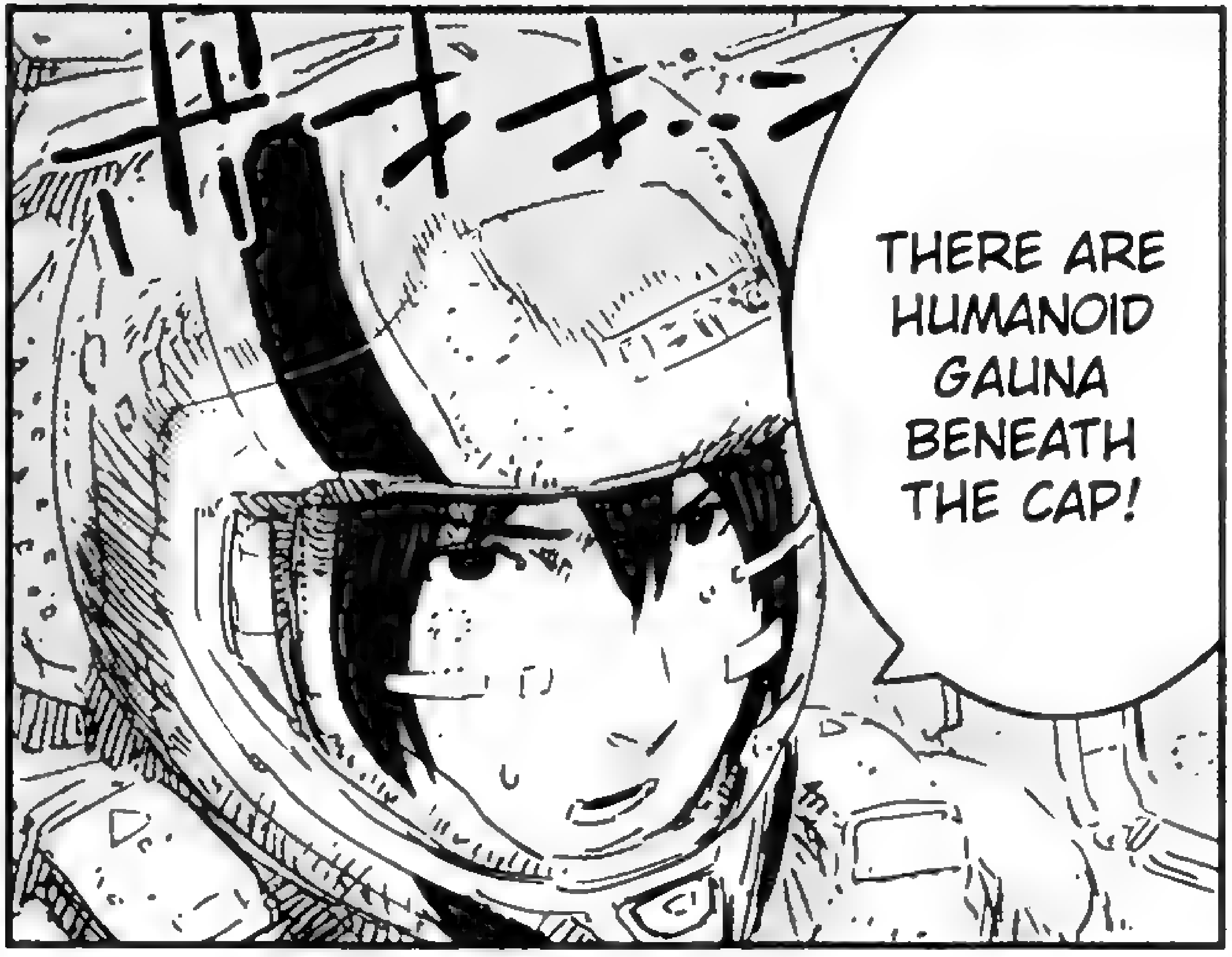
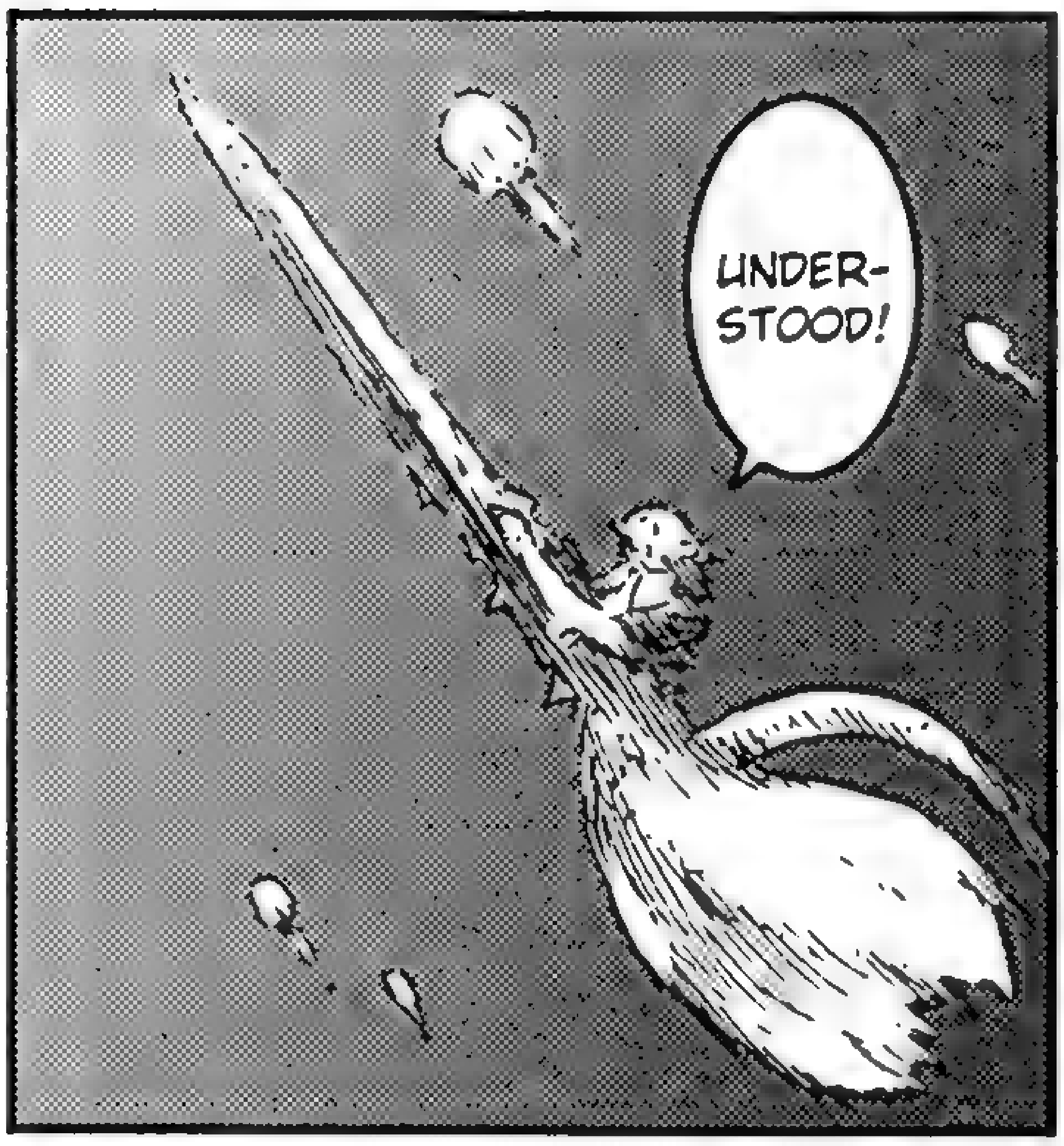


SFX: *KABOOM*

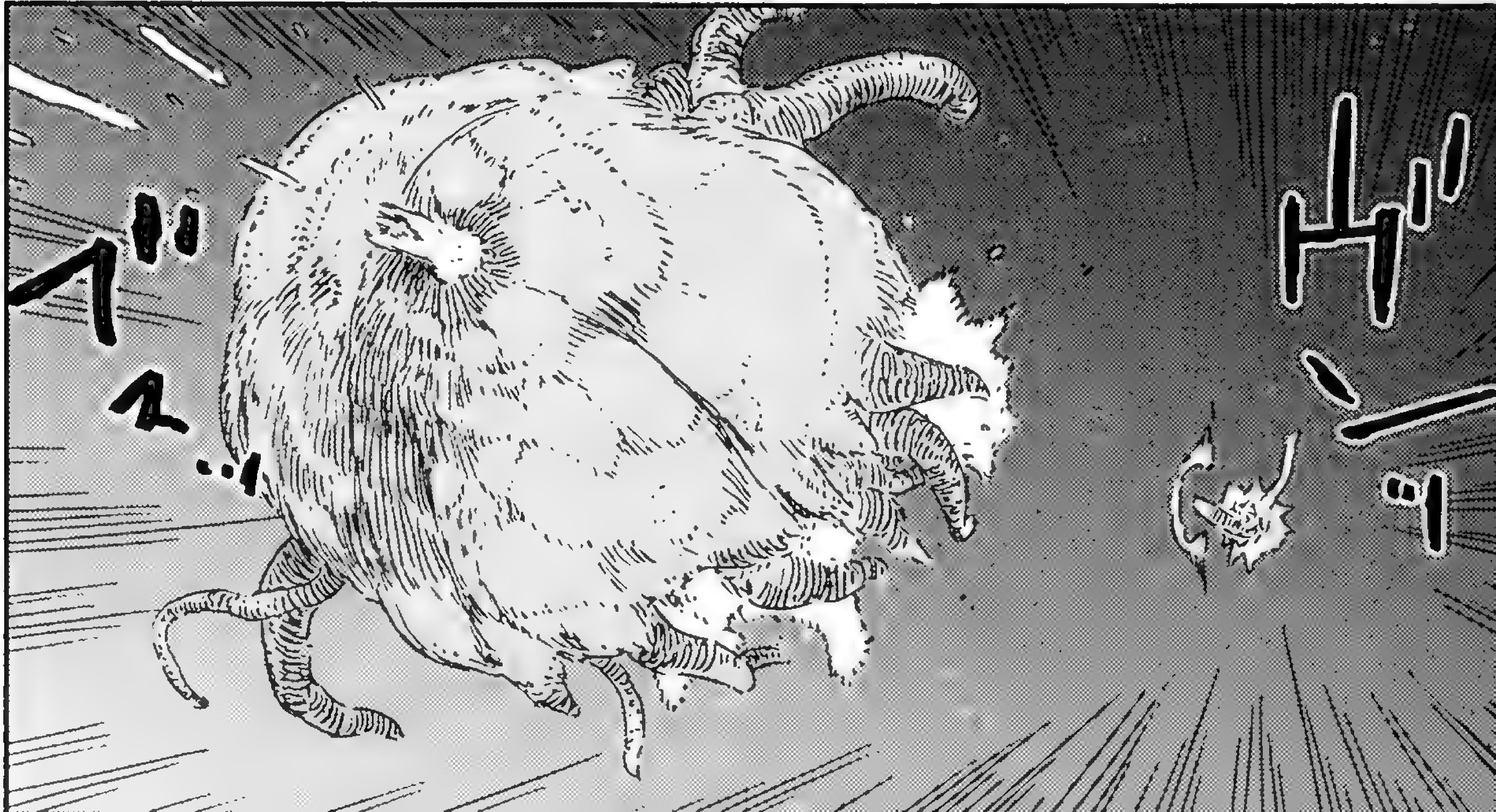
SFX: *ECHO*


THERE ARE HUMANOID GAUNA BENEATH THE CAP!


UNDER-STOOD!

SFX: *VOON*

SFX: *POP*



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YOU CAN DESTROY THEM IF YOU ATTACK FROM BEHIND!
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WE'RE NOT ALL LIKE YOU!
IT'S NOT THAT EASY!
キイイイイン
ドンッ

SFX: *FOAM*

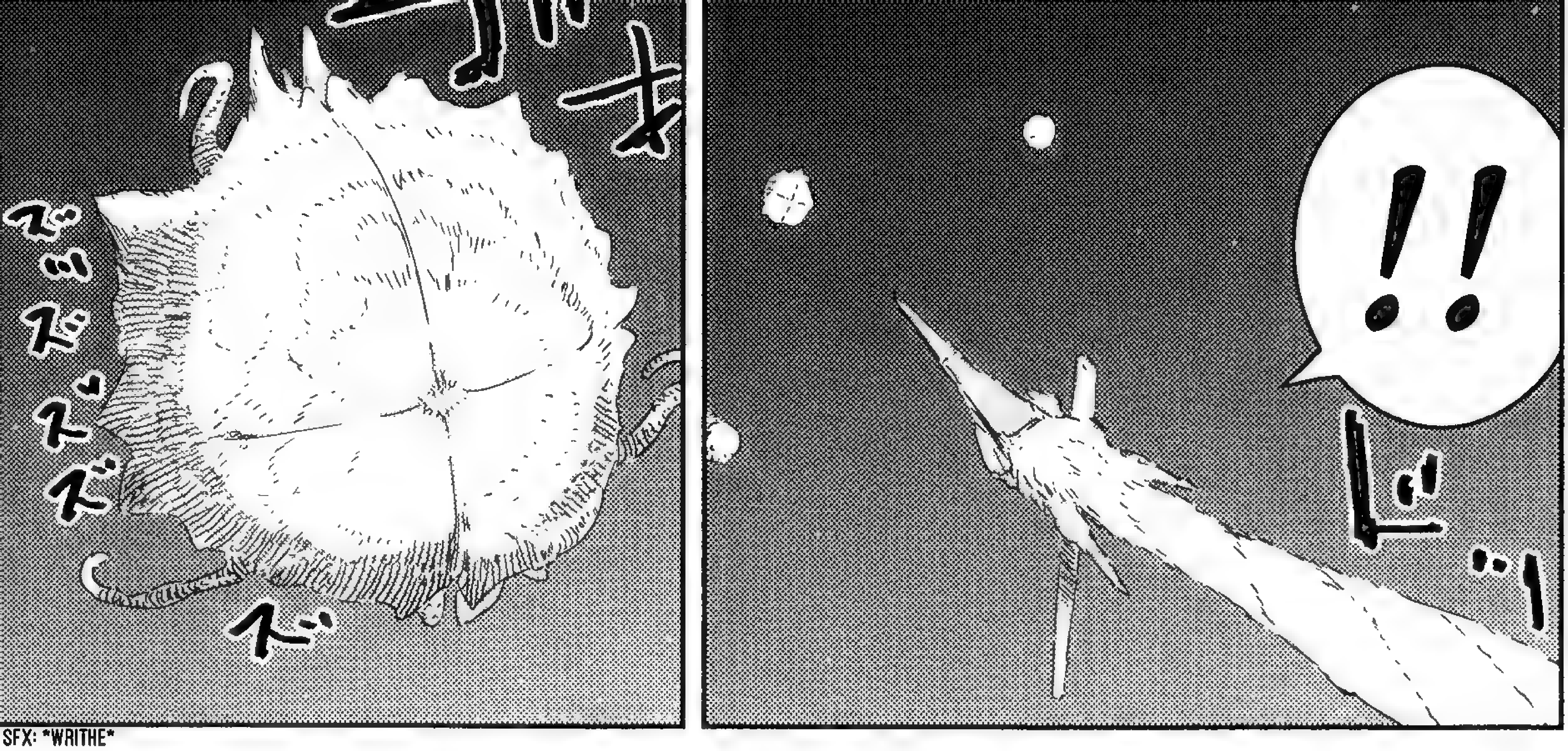
SFX: *WHINE*

SFX: *KIIIII*

SFX: *BOOM*

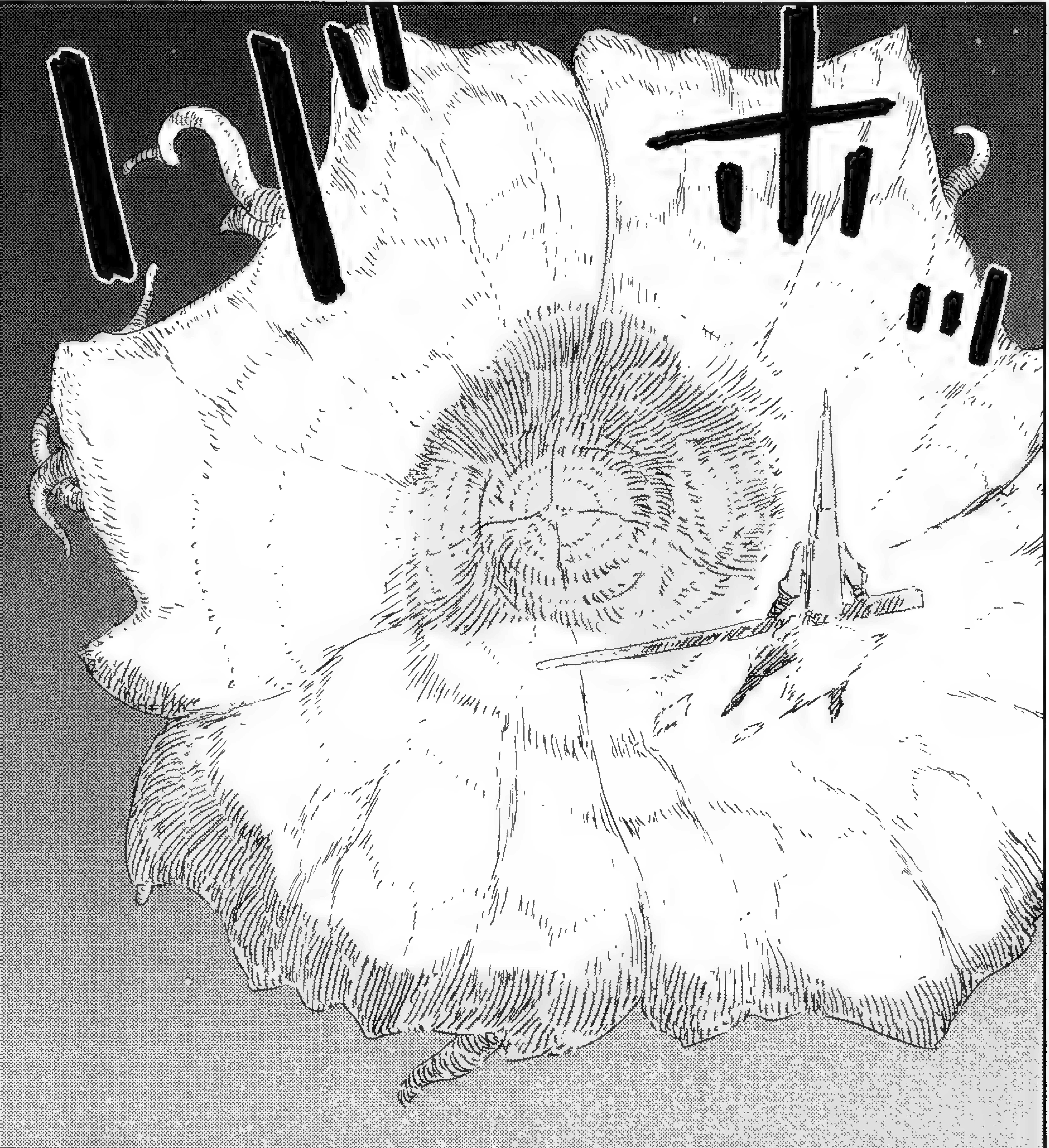
バキイーン!
DAMN IT!
NO GOOD!
I CAN'T SHAKE 'EM!
HEY!
THERE ARE MORE OF THEM UP AHEAD!!

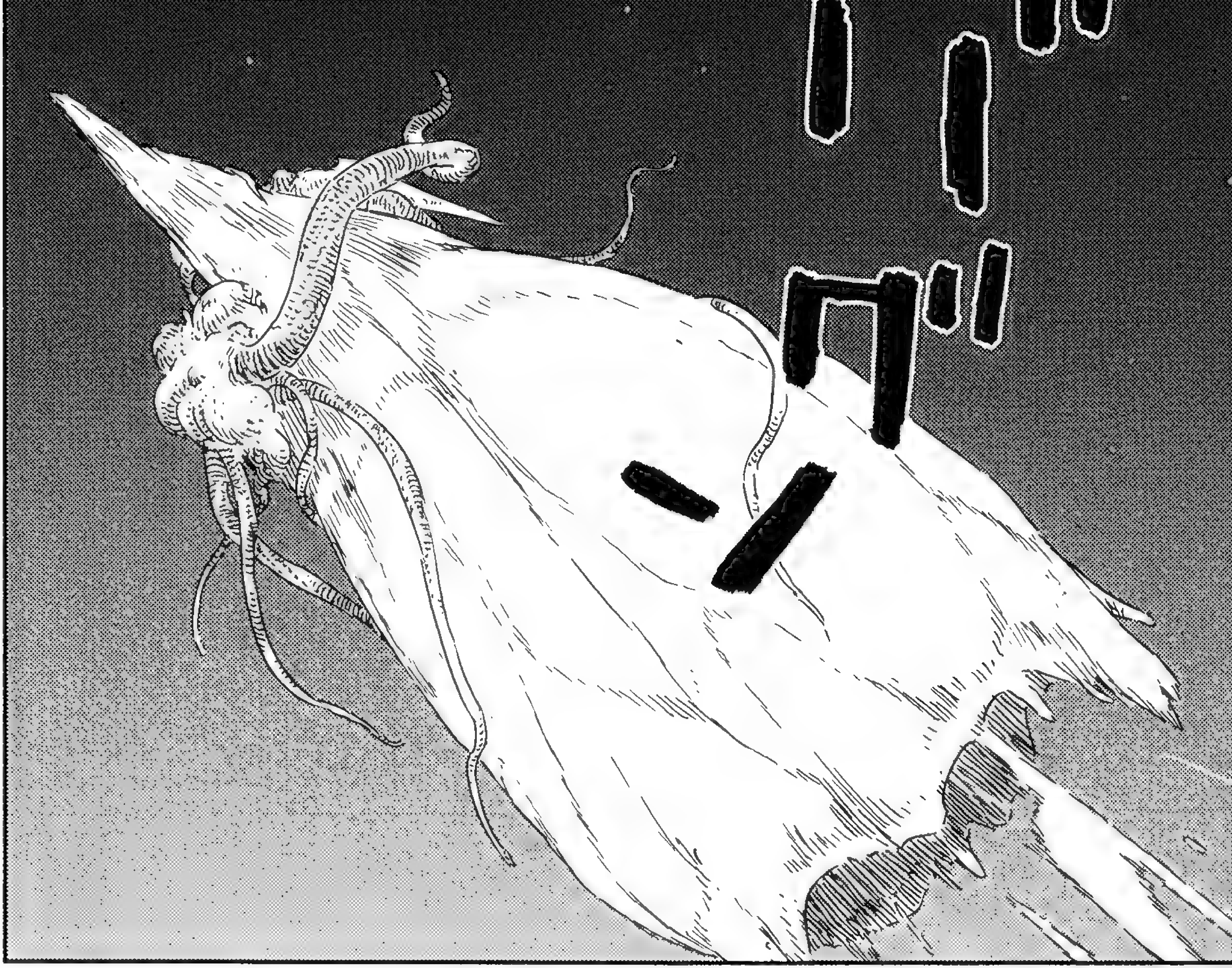
SFX: "BAKEEEN" (RICOCHET)



SFX: *WRITHE*

SFX: *FLAP*

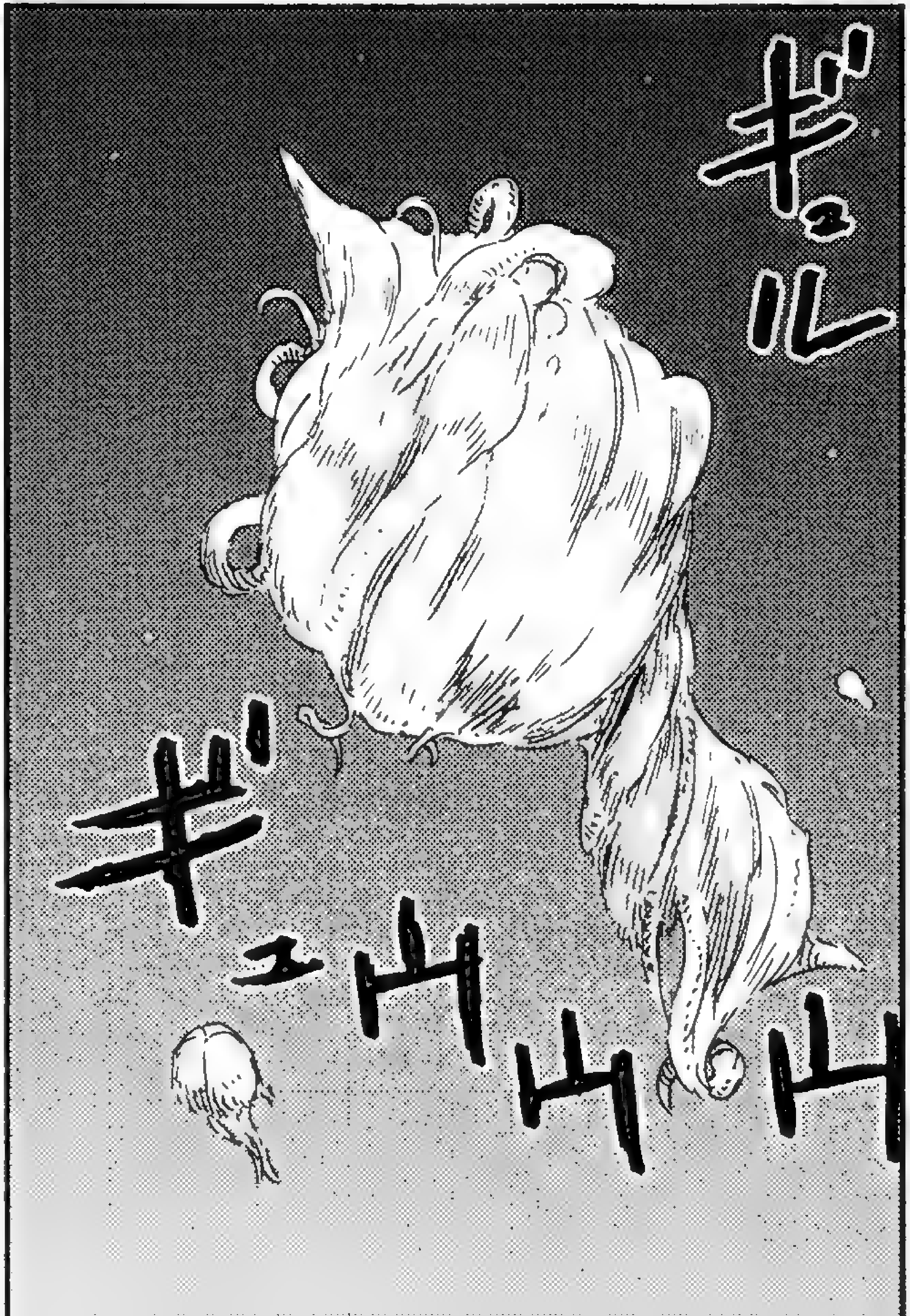


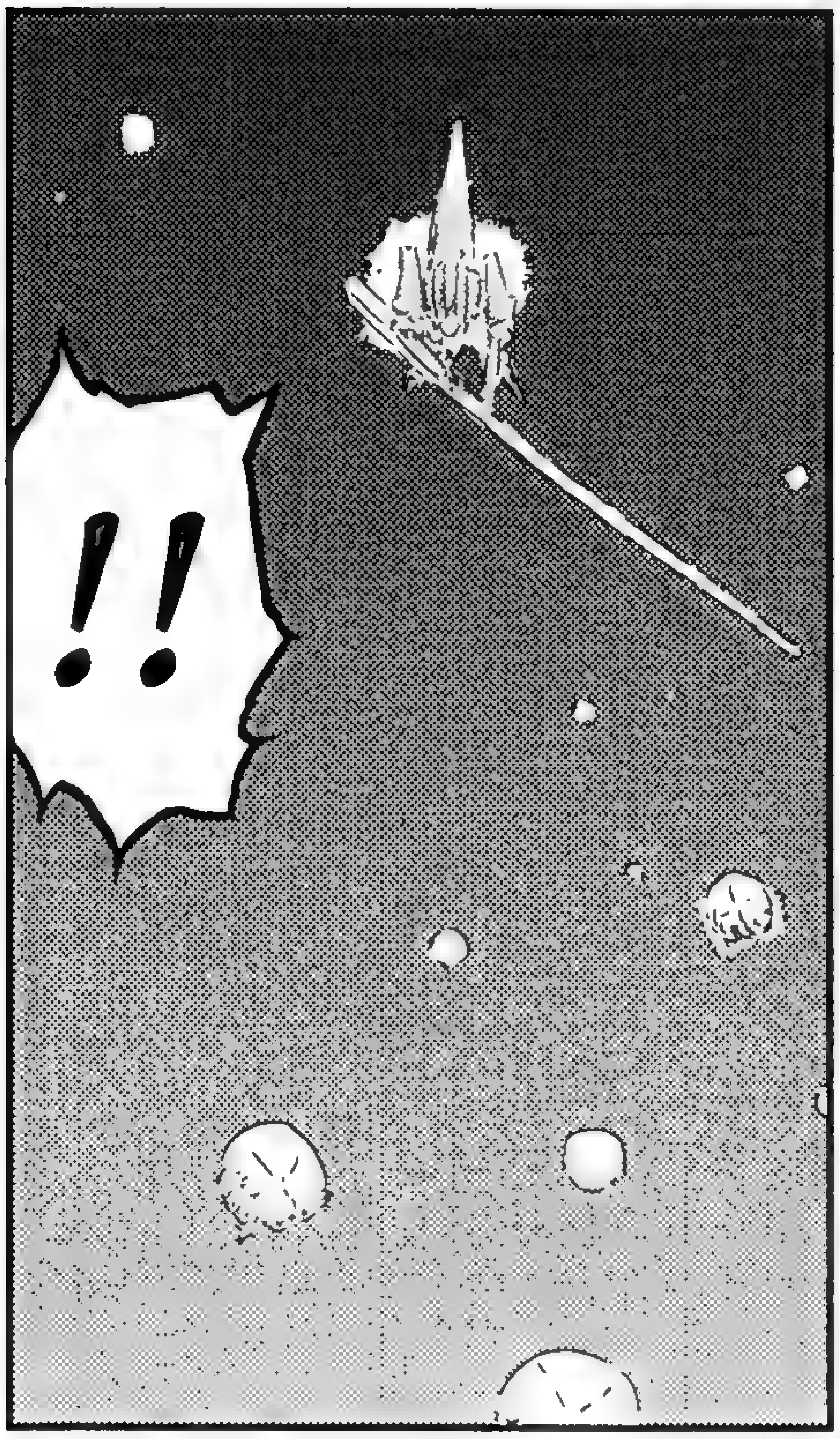


SFX: *SPLAT*

SFX: *SQUEEZE*

SFX: *TWIST*





UWAAAAA!
THE MEMBRANE CAPTURED HIM!!?
UWAAAA!
SFX: "PAKA"
パッ
SFX: "KYUEEE"
キュイイイ
I'M COMING!
SFX: "VO!"

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ジュオオオオォ
UNIT 8, COMPLETELY DESTROYED!! UNIT 7 HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE GAUNA!!
READY THE HIGGS PARTICLE CANNON!!
SLICE OFF THE MASS UNION SHIP'S STARBOARD SIDE!
FIRE!!
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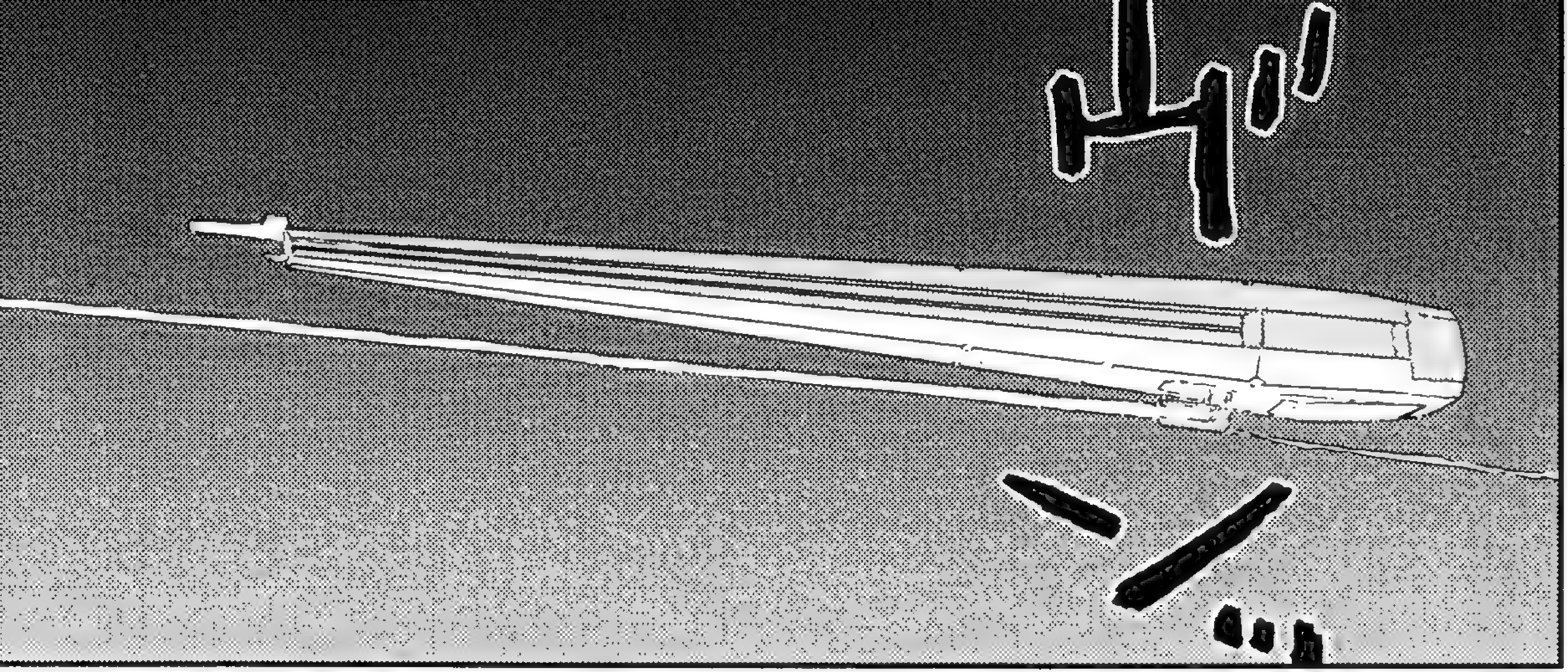
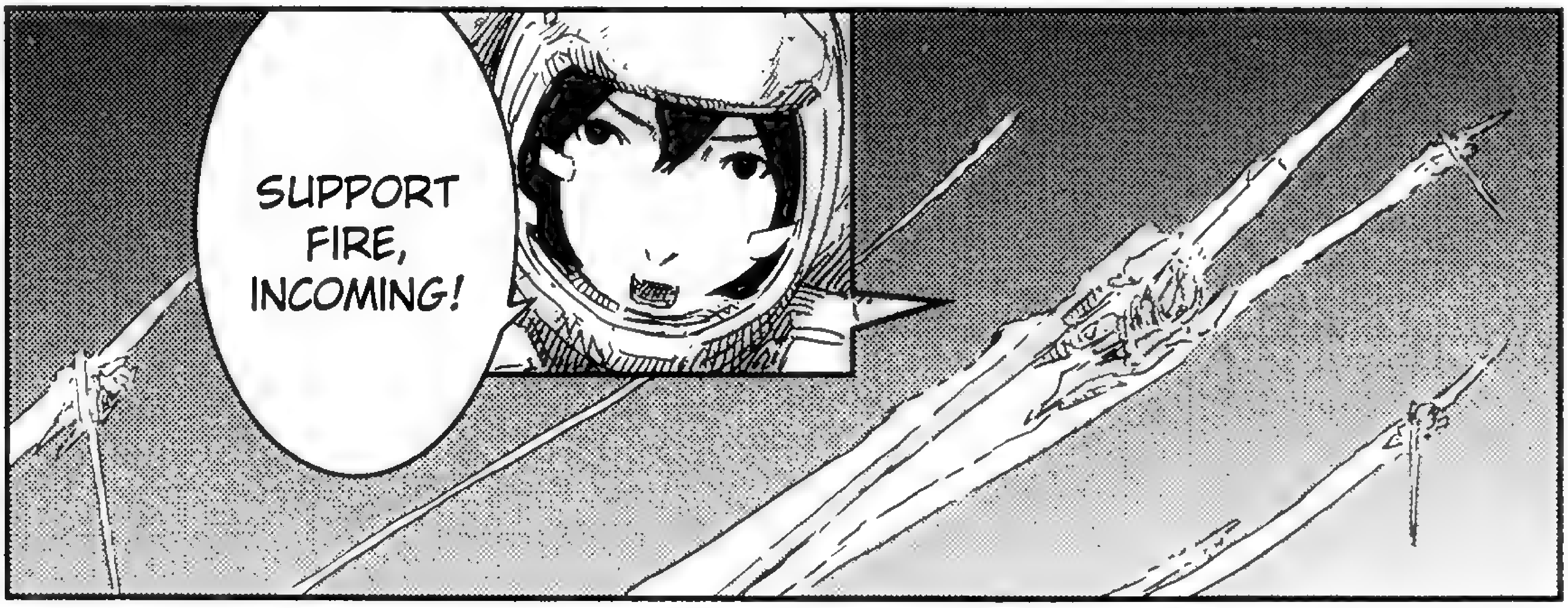
SFX: *JUOOOOO*

SFX: *VIIIIII*

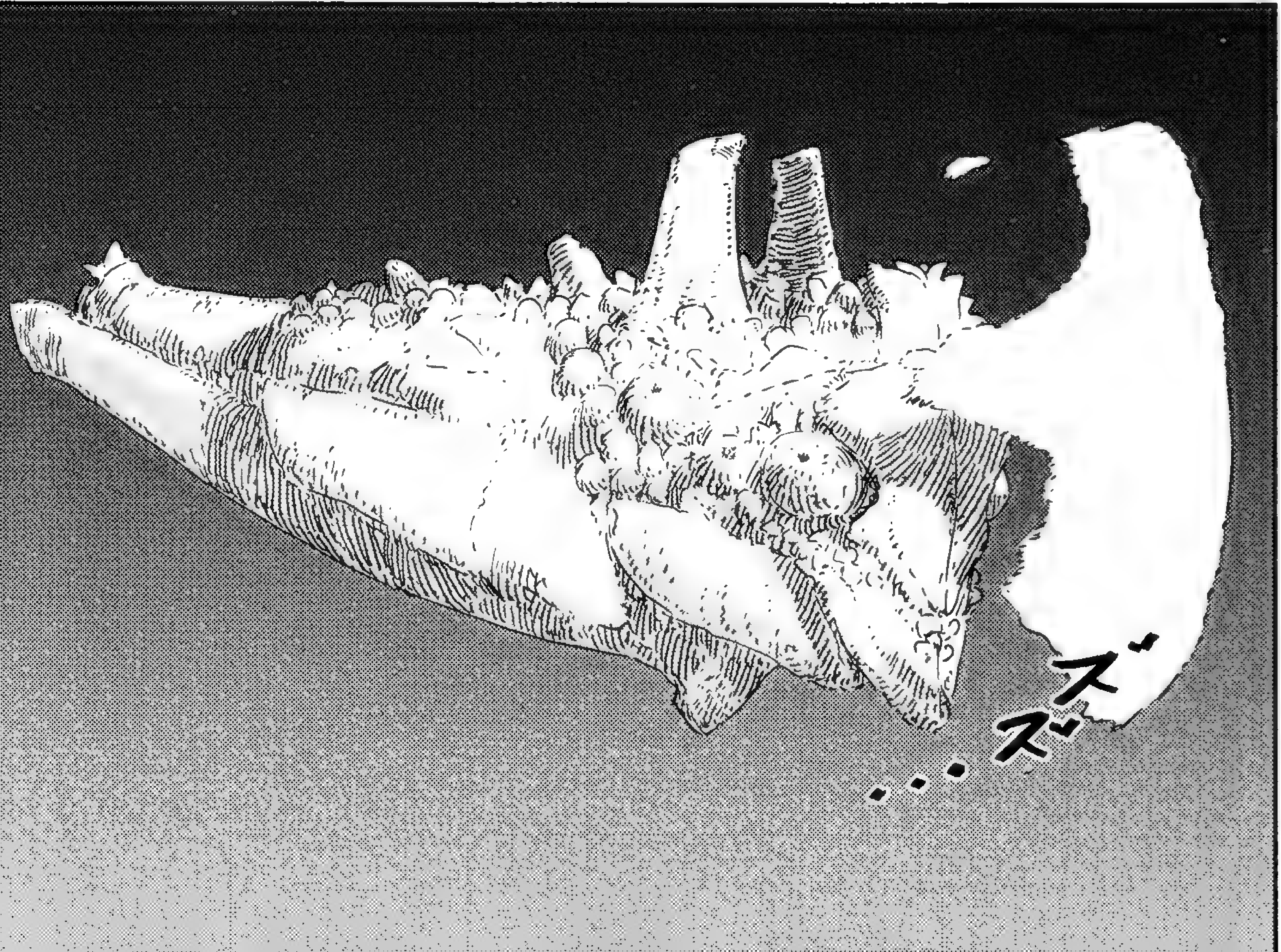
SFX: *GON...*

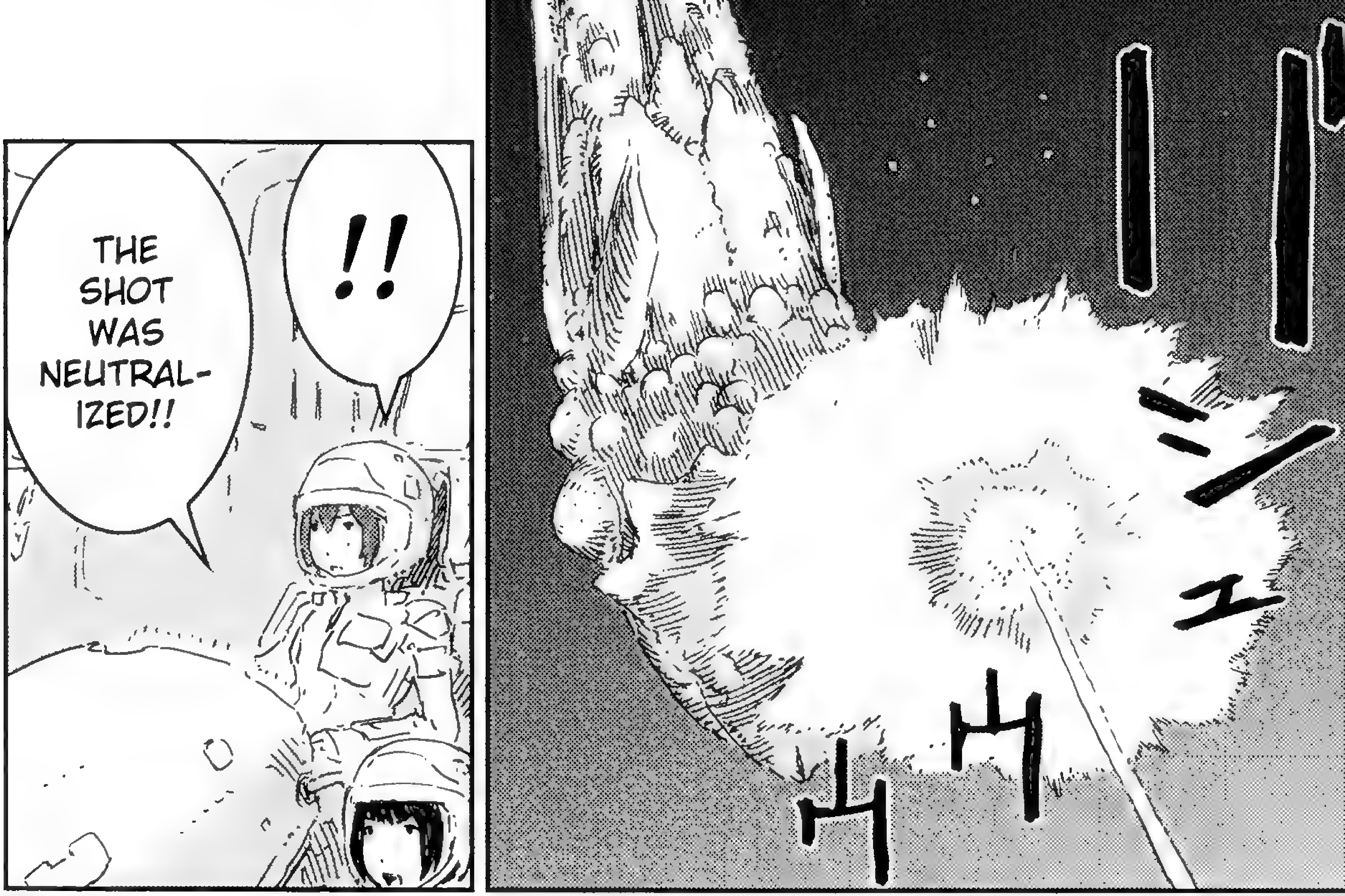


SFX: *VUN*


SUPPORT FIRE, INCOMING!

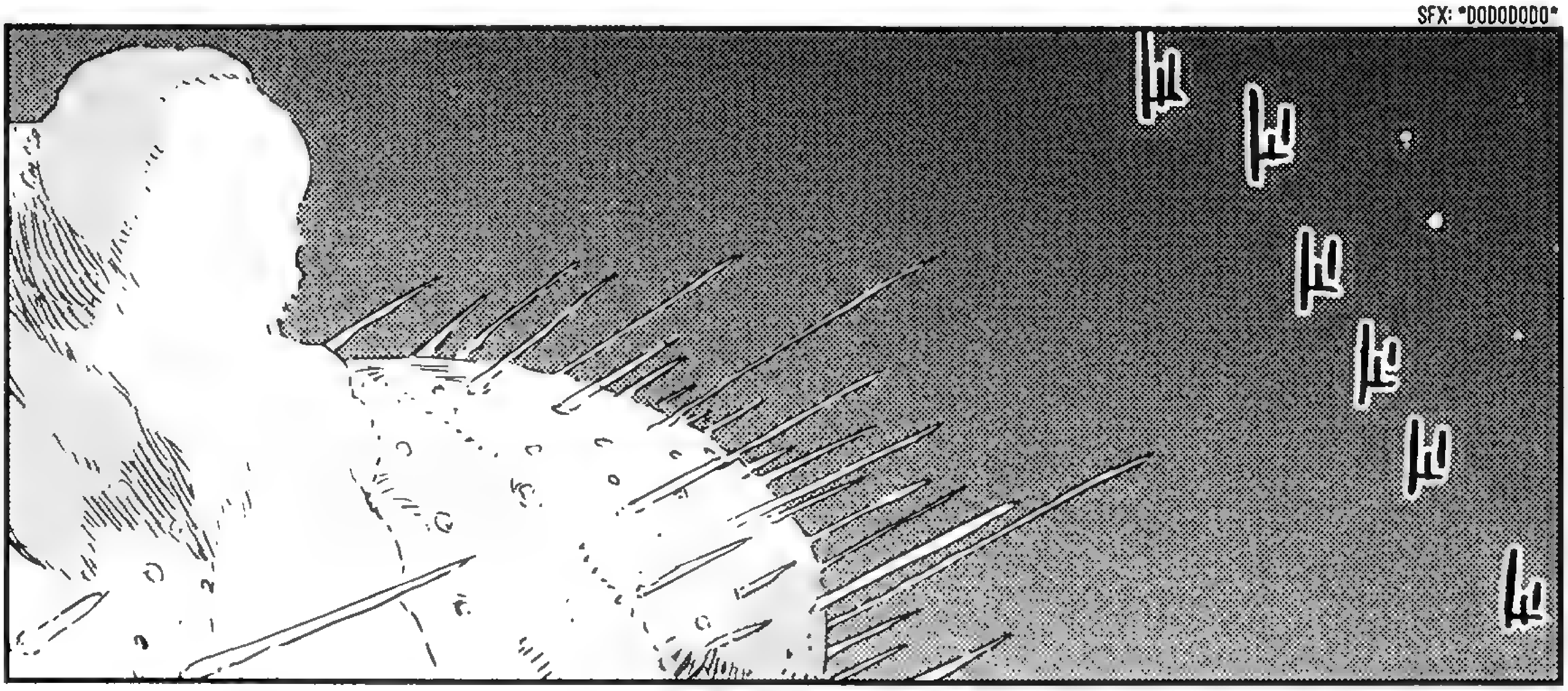
SFX: *ZUZU*

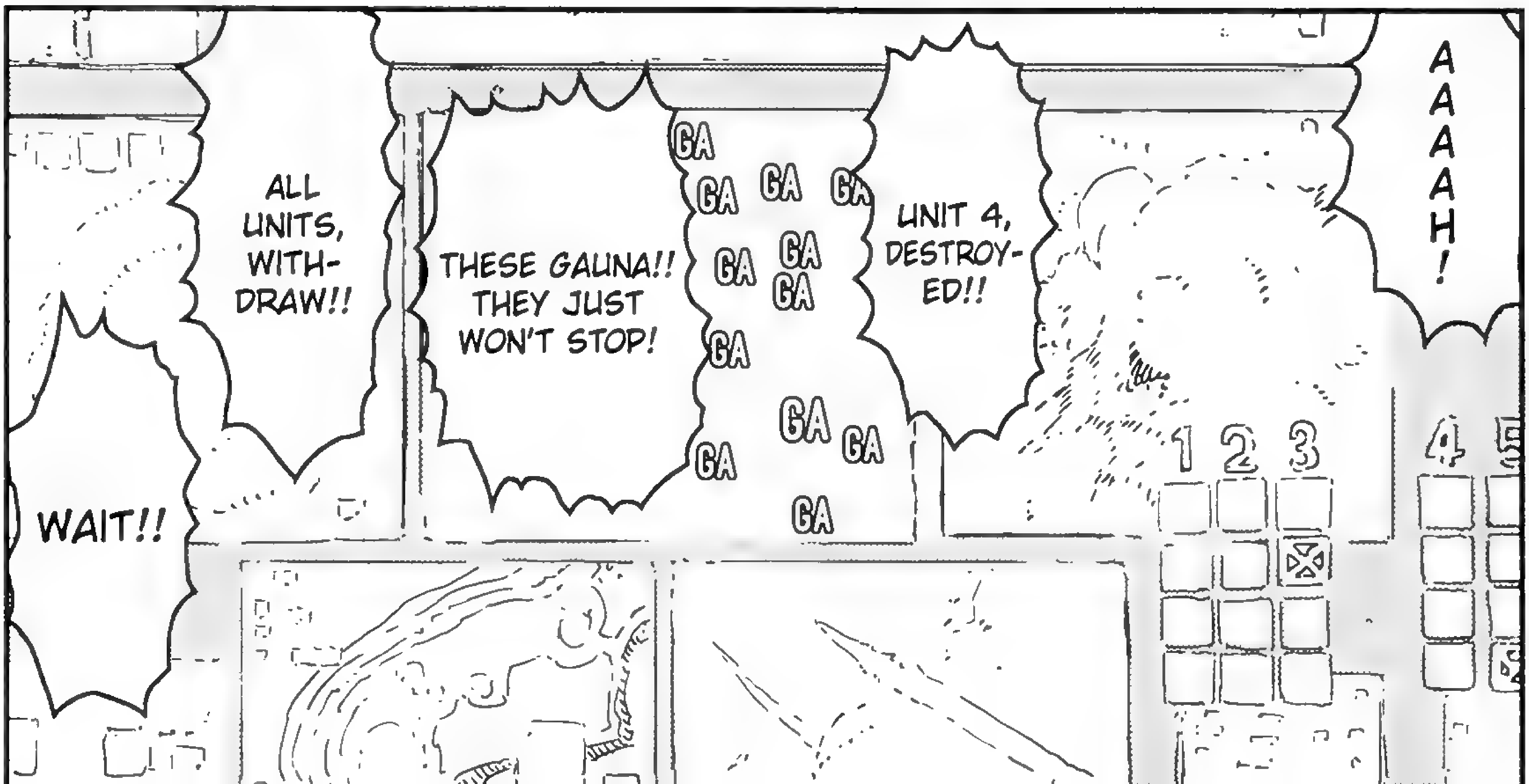



バシュウウ
!!
THE SHOT WAS NEUTRALIZED!!

SFX: *BASHUUU*

SFX: *DODODODO*




AAAAAH!
UNIT 4, DESTROYED!!
GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA
THESE GAUNA!! THEY JUST WON'T STOP!
ALL UNITS, WITHDRAW!!
WAIT!!
1 2 3 4 5

SHOU IS-!!
SHOU ISN'T HERE!!
!!
KYAAA!

LET GO!!
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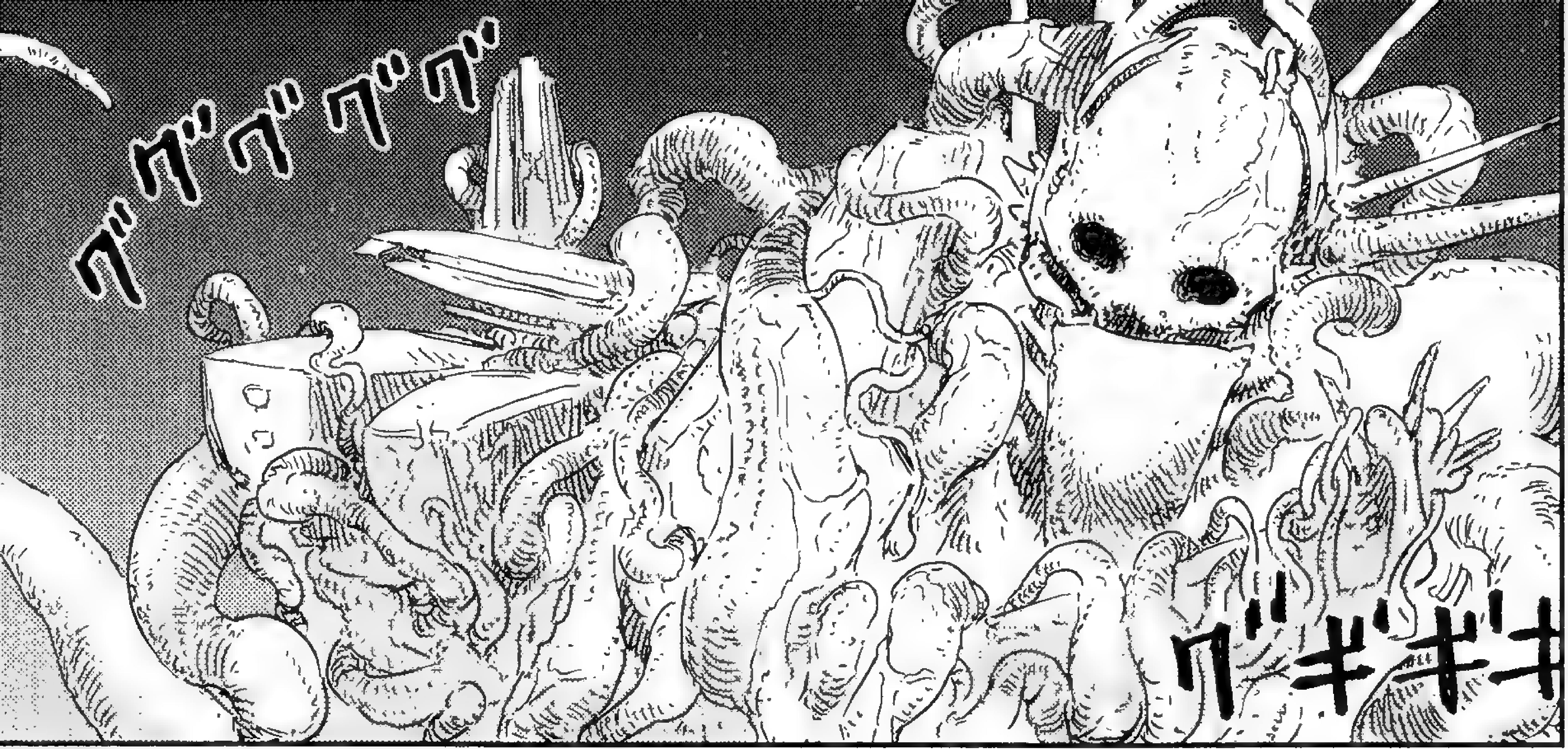
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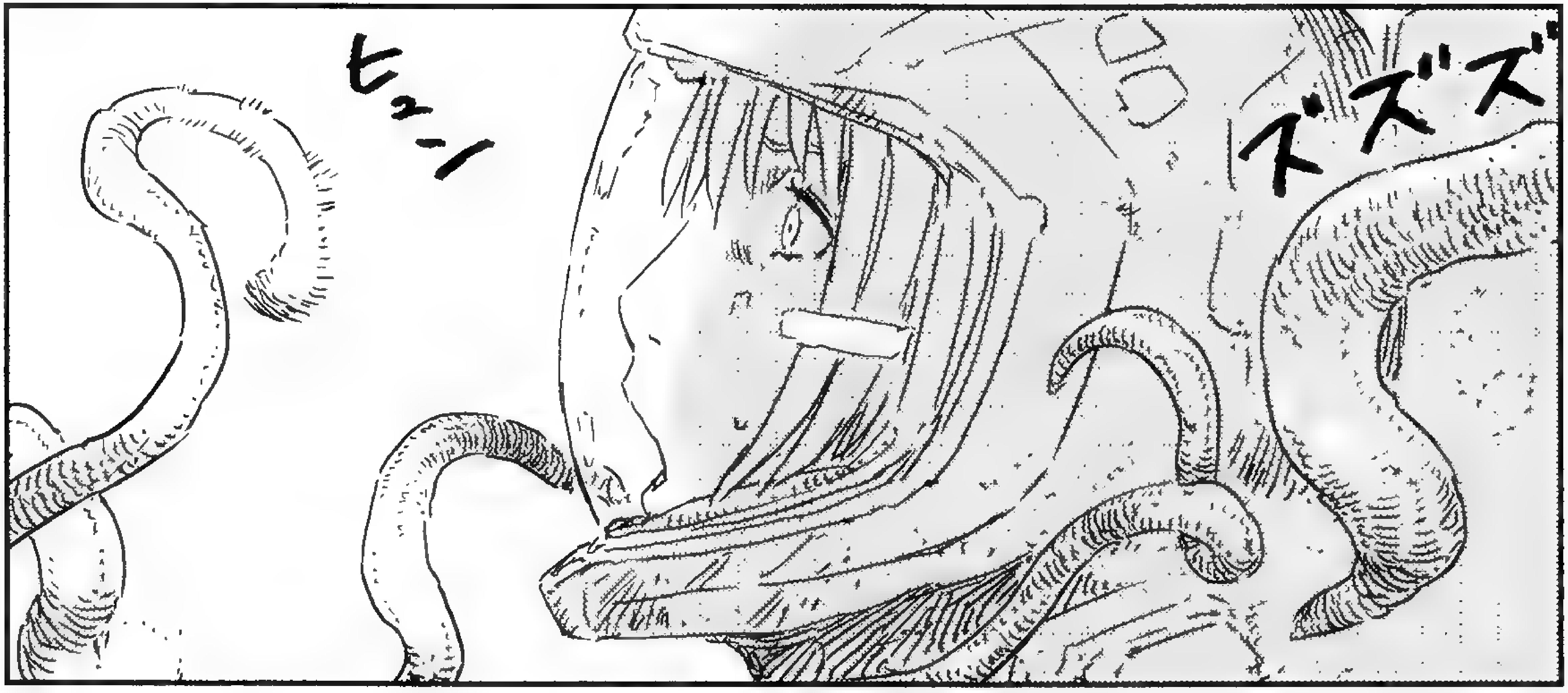
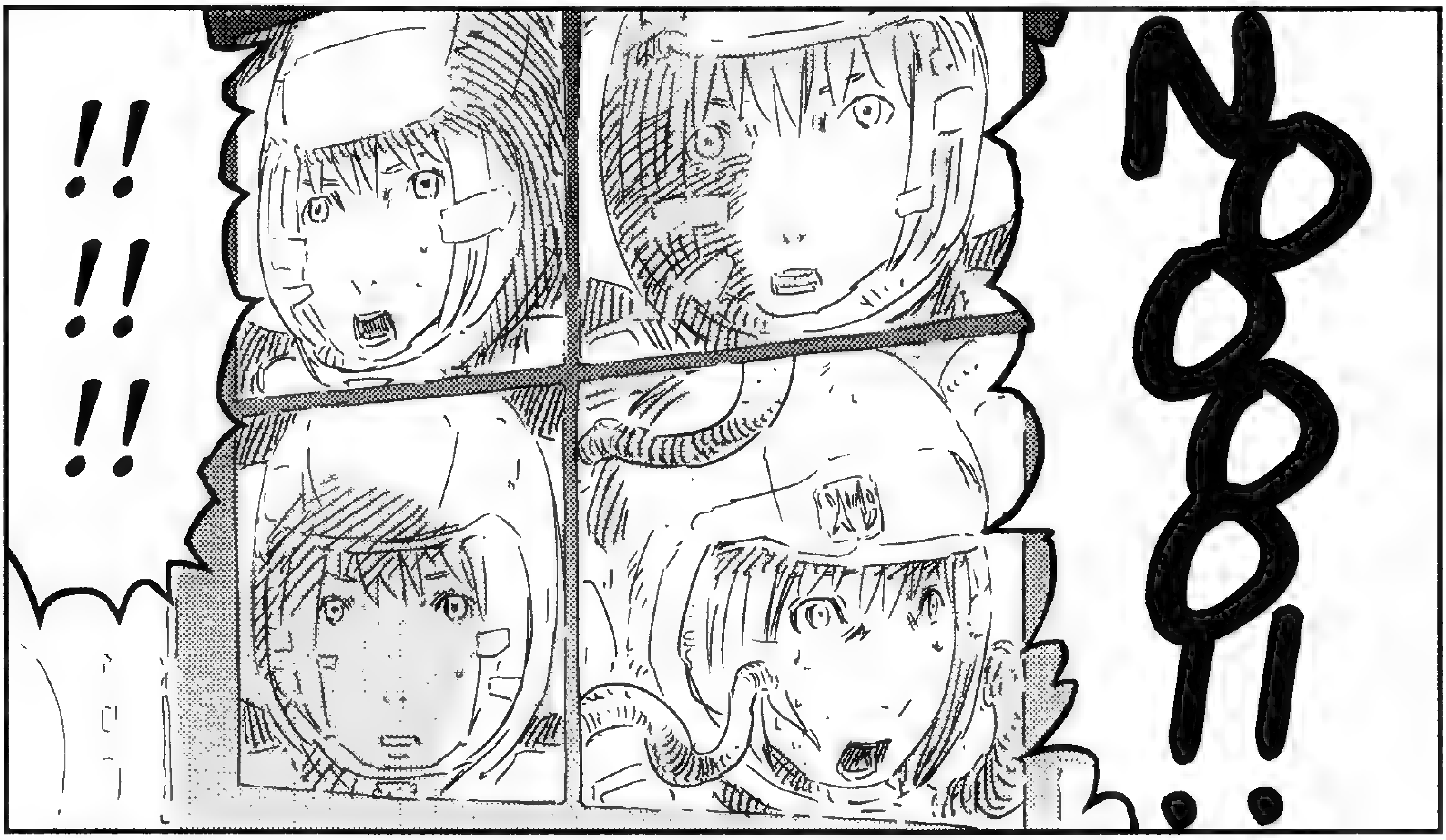
SFX: *GURGLE*

SFX: *FLICK*





NOOOOOO!!
SHOO-UU!!
YOU CAN'T! REN, COME BACK!!
THREE GUARDIANS WERE ABSORBED INTO THE MASS UNION SHIP!!
THEIR TRANSPONDERS... HAVE STOPPED!
THE MASS UNION SHIP IS ENTERING THE MAIN CANNON'S FIRING RANGE!

DON'T SHOOT YET!!
SHOU'S INSIDE!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! SHE'S ALREADY BEEN EATEN!!
HURRY UP AND GET AWAY!!
LET GO OF ME TANIKAZE!
THERE ARE TOO MANY GAUNA!
YOU CAN'T SAVE HER NOW!
......
MAIN CANNON, PREPARE TO FIRE!!
SFX: "GAJIN"
SFX: "GOGOGOGOGO"
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WAIT!
THERE'S A TRANSMISSION FROM INSIDE THE MASS UNION SHIP...
IT'S ON SHOU'S FREQUENCY...
SFX: *WHITE NOISE* *STATIC* *BURP*
IT'S REALLY FAINT...
I'LL TRY TO AMPLIFY IT.

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……NA……
SFX: *ZUZA*
SFX: *ZAAAA*
SFX: *CLENCH*
...THAT'S SHOU'S VOICE.
TANIKAZE, I'M BEGGING YOU...
WE HAVE TO GO NOW.
ガ…
DID YOU FORGET THAT BENISUZUME ALSO USED HOSHIJIRO'S CHANNEL TO CONTACT US?
THERE'S NO PROOF THAT THIS BROADCAST IS FROM THE REAL SHOU.
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SFX: *DODOOOO*
ALL UNITS RETREAT!! HURRY!
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...I'M...NOW...
...IN...DE...
...MASS...
...SHIP...
...IN...SIDE...
...IN...

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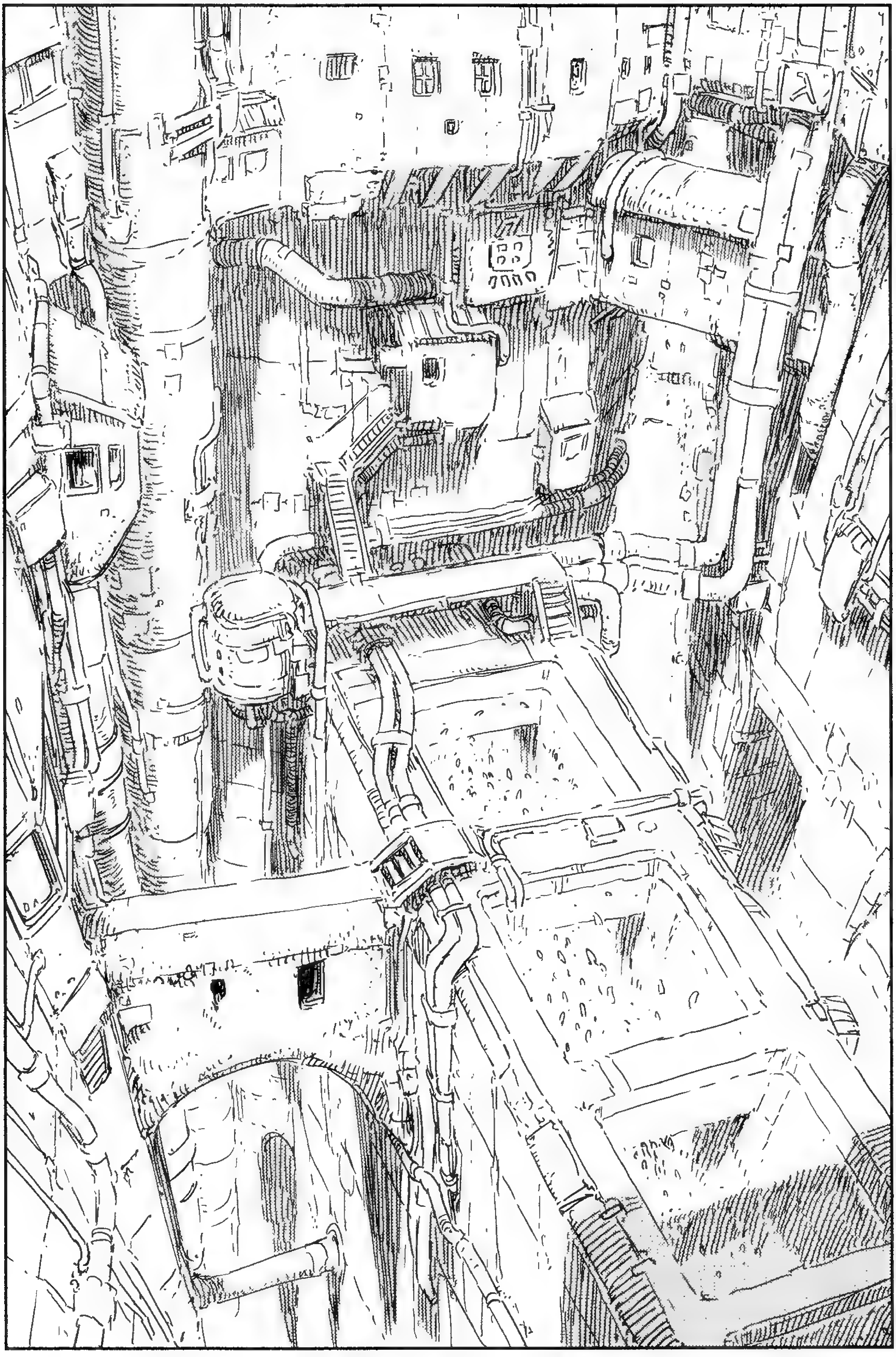
CHAPTER 57 HONOKA SHOU'S RESCUE



100 SIGHTS OF SIDONIA PART 43
FISH FARM

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THE GAUNA ARE RETURNING TO THE MASS UNION SHIP!
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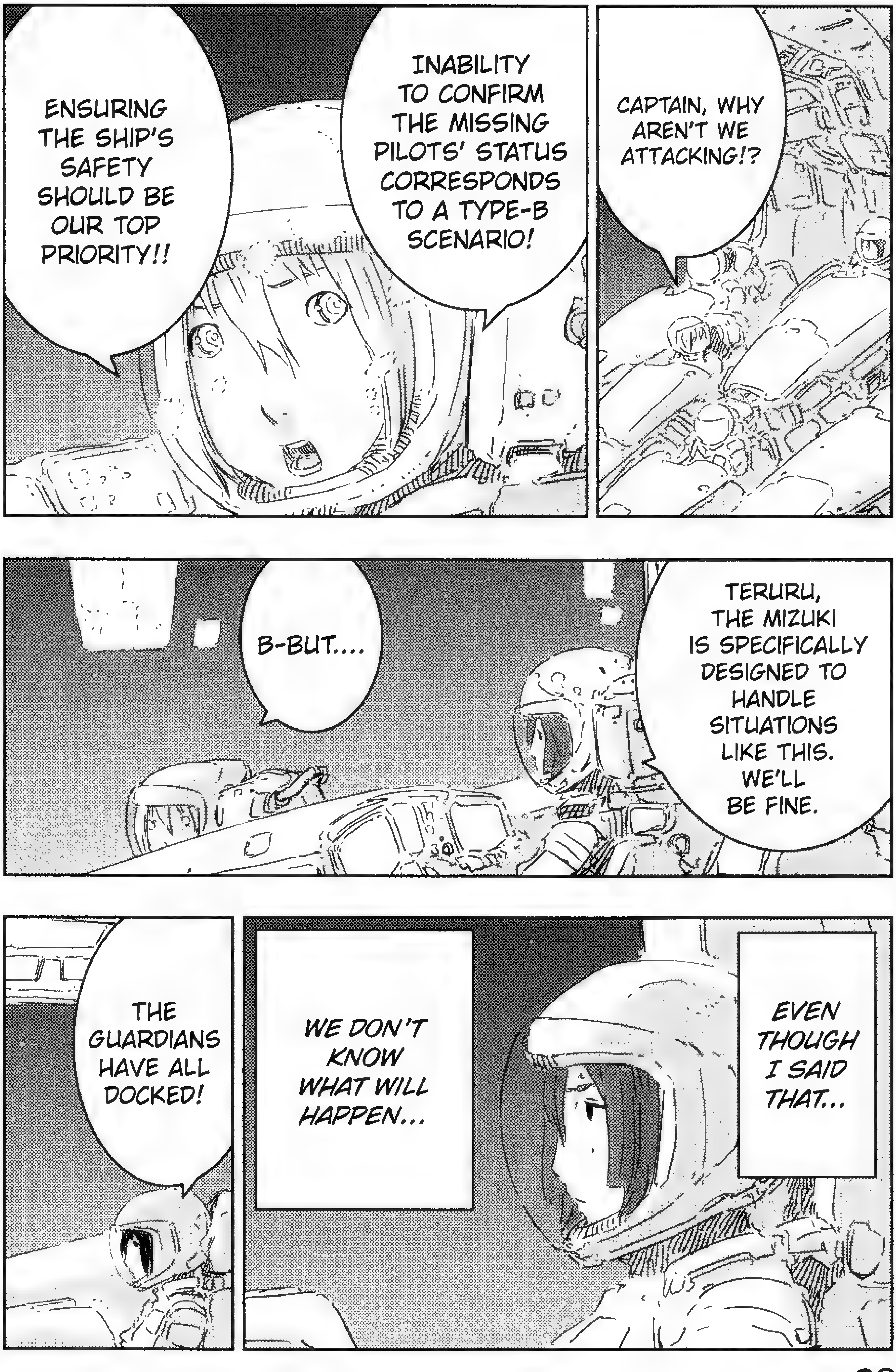
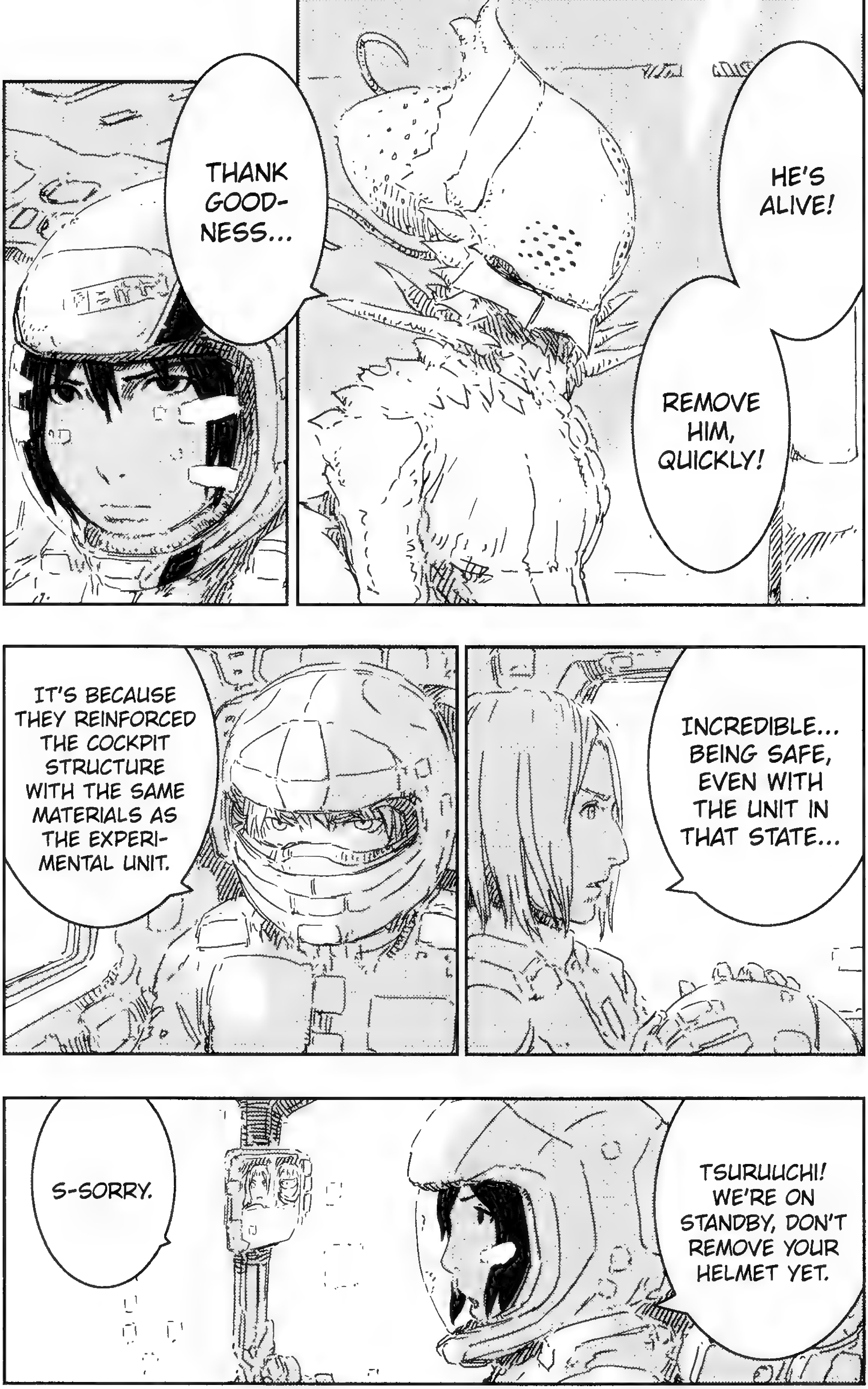
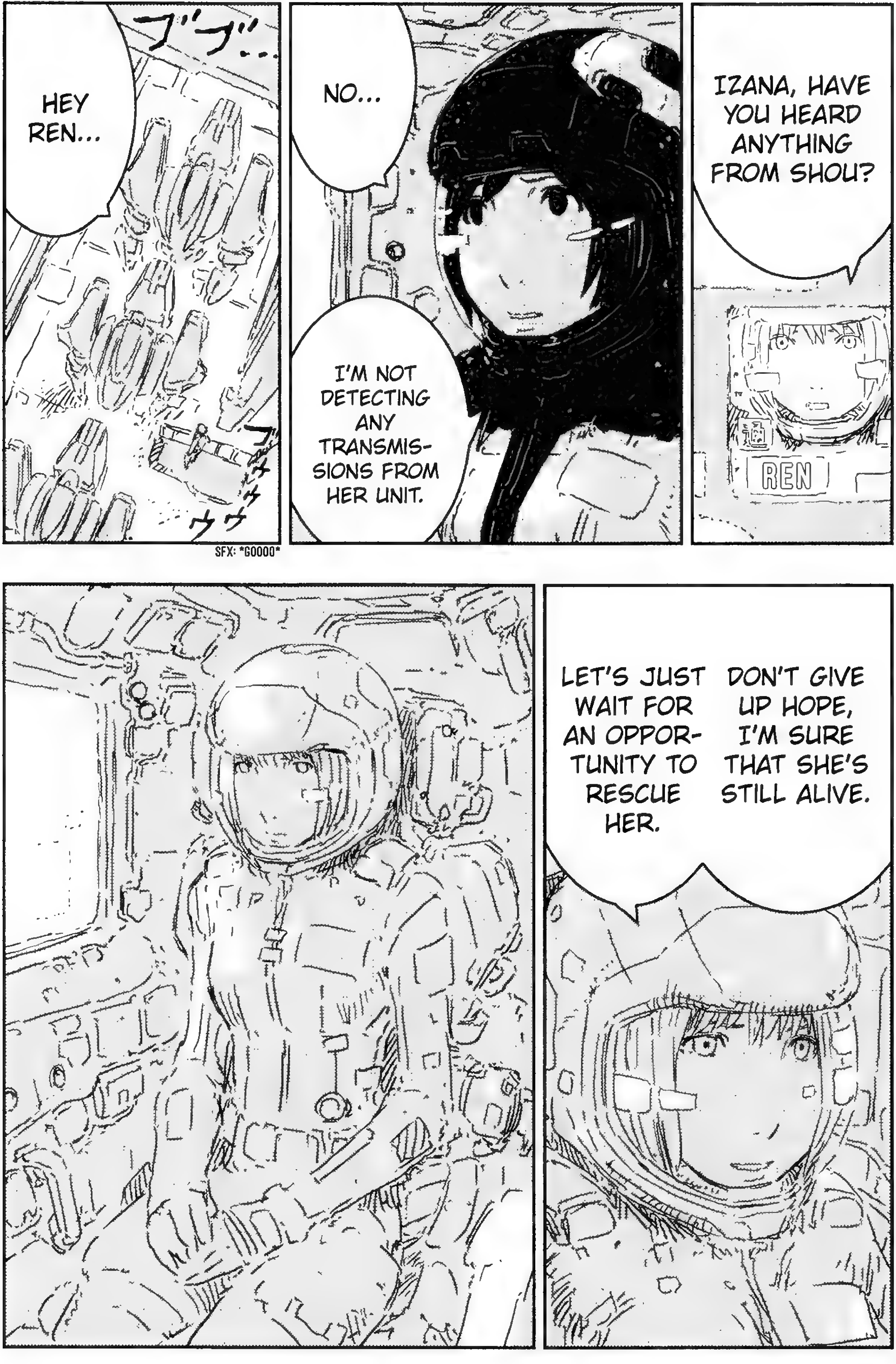
THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANY LOGIC TO THE GAUNA'S ACTIONS BEFORE... BUT STILL..
ARE THEY TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH US!?
SFX: *GOGOGOGO*
DON'T FIRE ANY TRUE-BODY-PIERCING MUNITIONS!
MAINTAIN OUR DISTANCE FROM THE MASS UNION SHIP!
SFX: *DOSHOOO*
SFX: *BASHOOO*
LET'S HEAD BACK, REN.


CAPTAIN, WHY AREN'T WE ATTACKING!?
INABILITY TO CONFIRM THE MISSING PILOTS' STATUS CORRESPONDS TO A TYPE-B SCENARIO!
ENSURING THE SHIP'S SAFETY SHOULD BE OUR TOP PRIORITY!!
TERURU, THE MIZUKI IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO HANDLE SITUATIONS LIKE THIS. WE'LL BE FINE.
B-BUT....
EVEN THOUGH I SAID THAT...
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN...
THE GUARDIANS HAVE ALL DOCKED!

GON
THERE WE GO!
OK, WE GOT IT OPEN!
SFX: *OPEN*
BAGON


HE'S ALIVE!
REMOVE HIM, QUICKLY!
THANK GOODNESS...
INCREDIBLE... BEING SAFE, EVEN WITH THE UNIT IN THAT STATE...
IT'S BECAUSE THEY REINFORCED THE COCKPIT STRUCTURE WITH THE SAME MATERIALS AS THE EXPERIMENTAL UNIT.
TSURUUCHI! WE'RE ON STANDBY, DON'T REMOVE YOUR HELMET YET.
S-SORRY.

SFX: *GOGO*


IZANA, HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM SHOU?
通
REN
NO...
I'M NOT DETECTING ANY TRANSMISSIONS FROM HER UNIT.
ブブ...
HEY REN...
ブォォウウ
DON'T GIVE UP HOPE, I'M SURE THAT SHE'S STILL ALIVE.
LET'S JUST WAIT FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESCUE HER.

SFX: *GOOOO*

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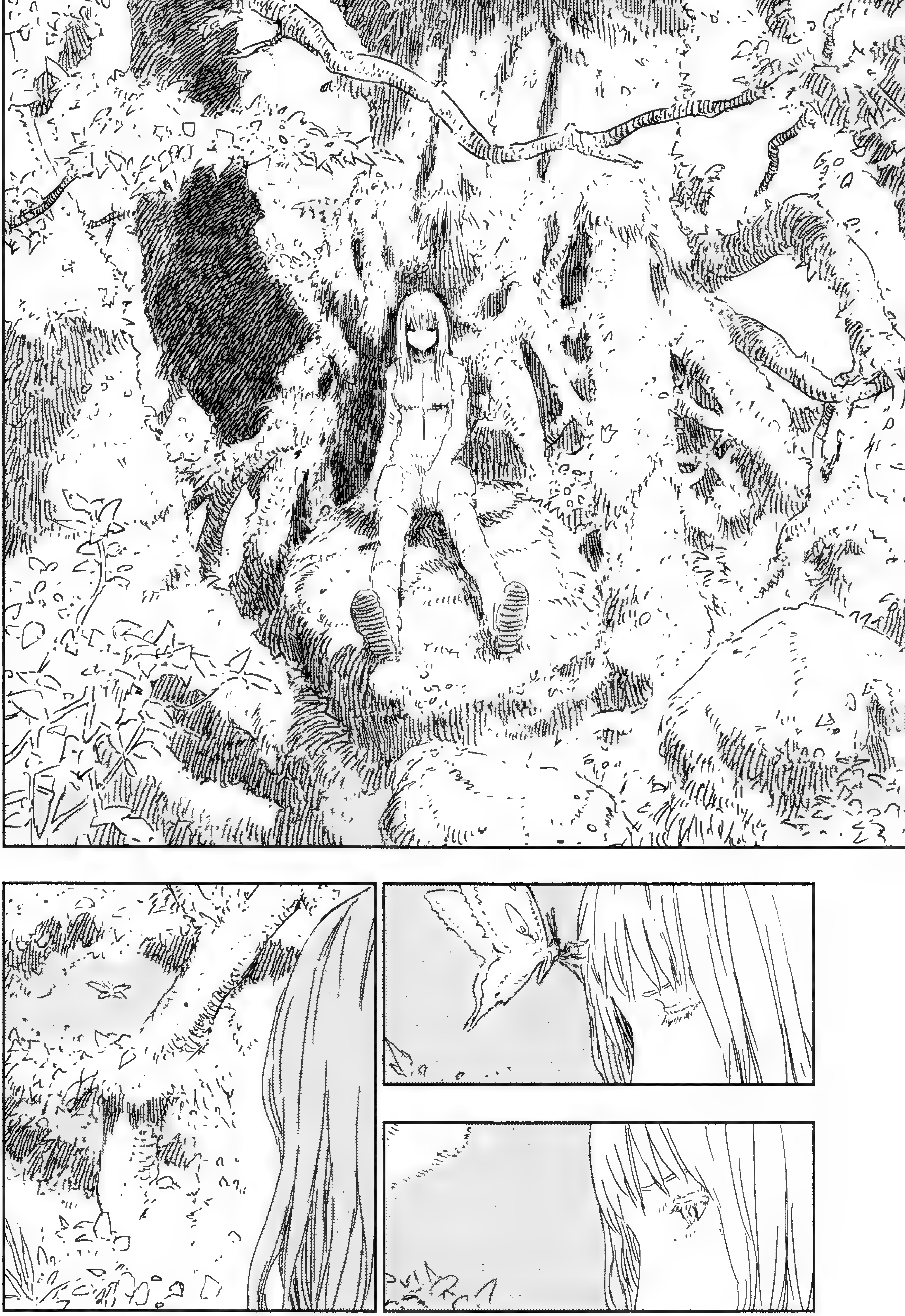
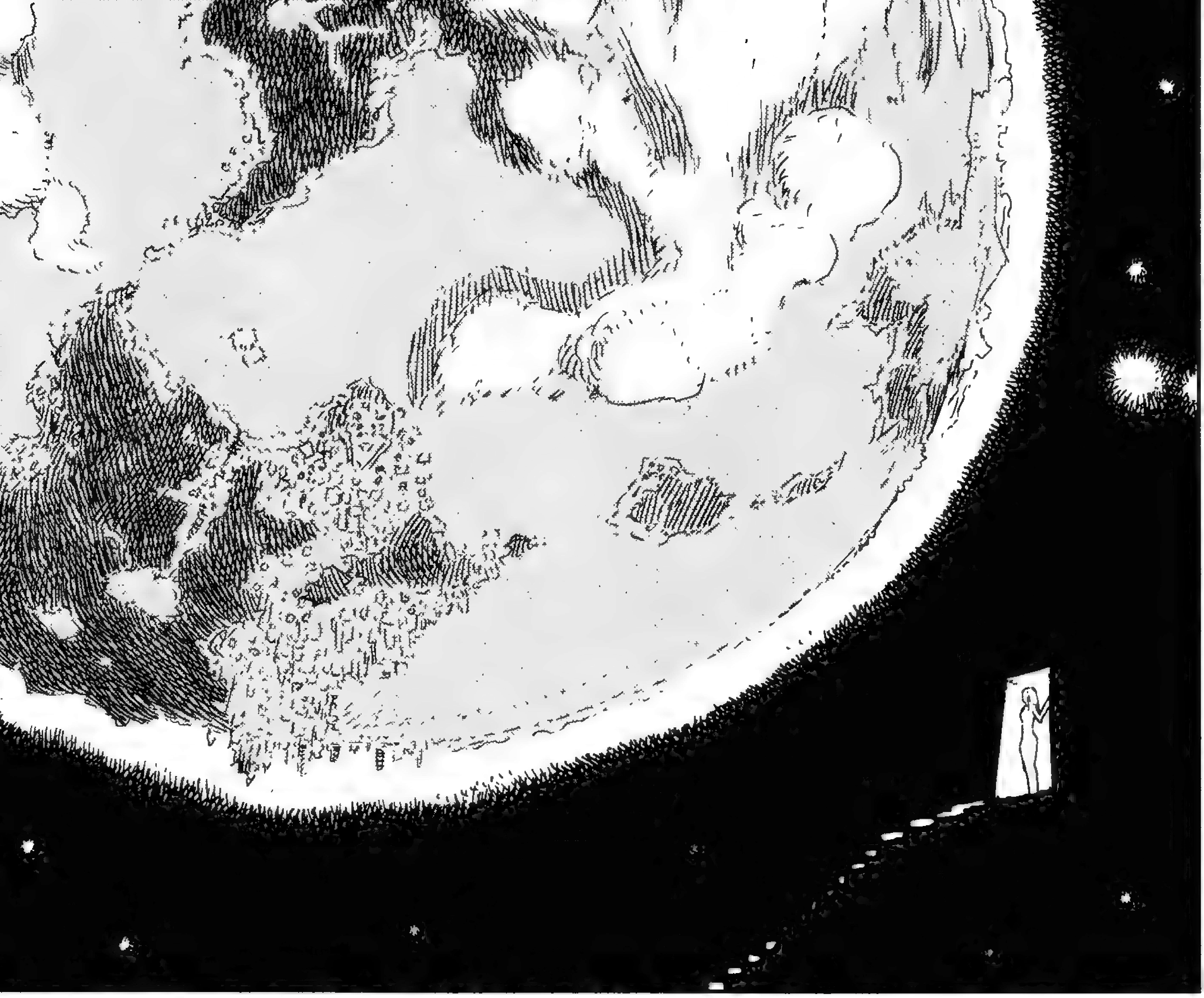
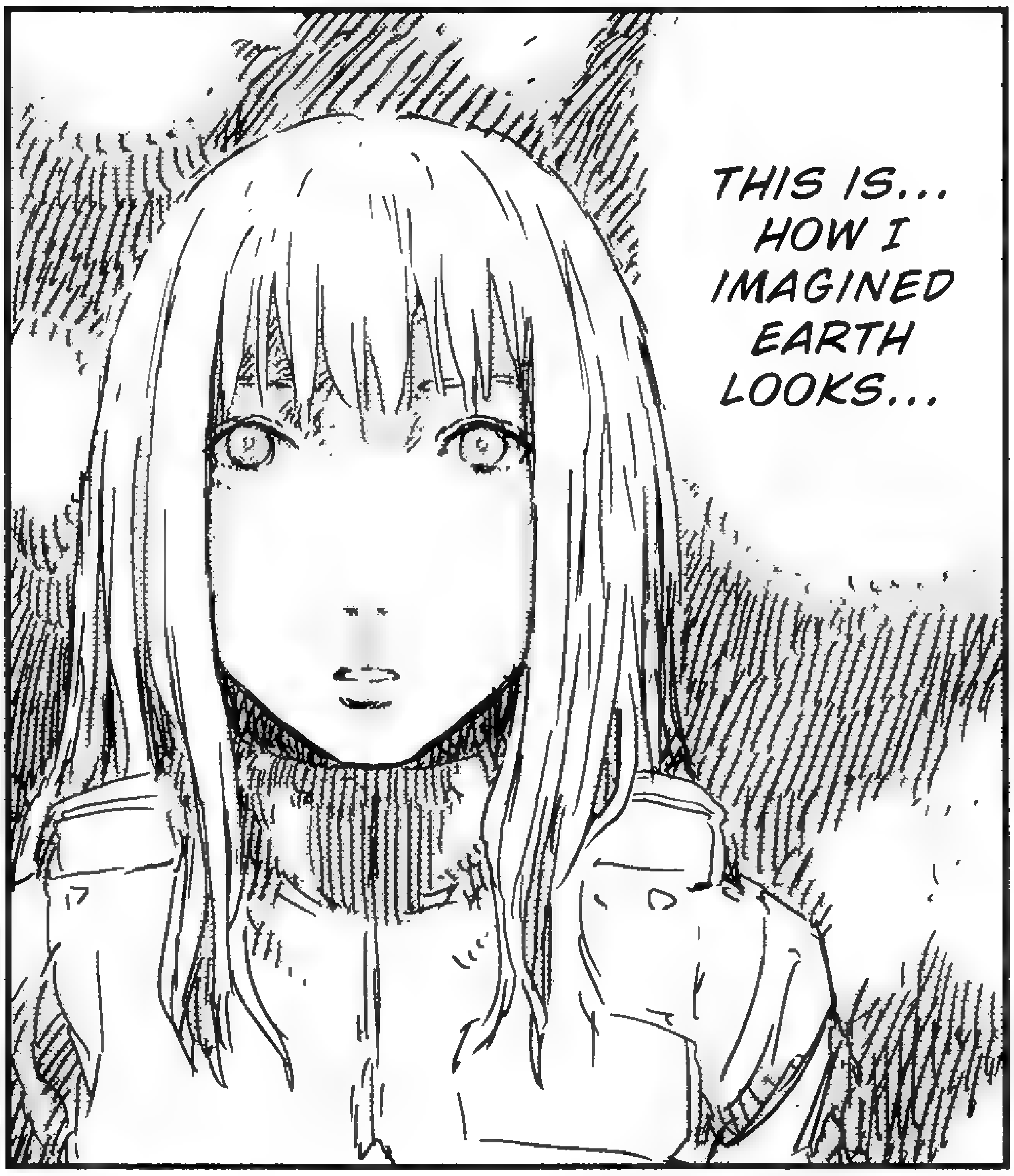
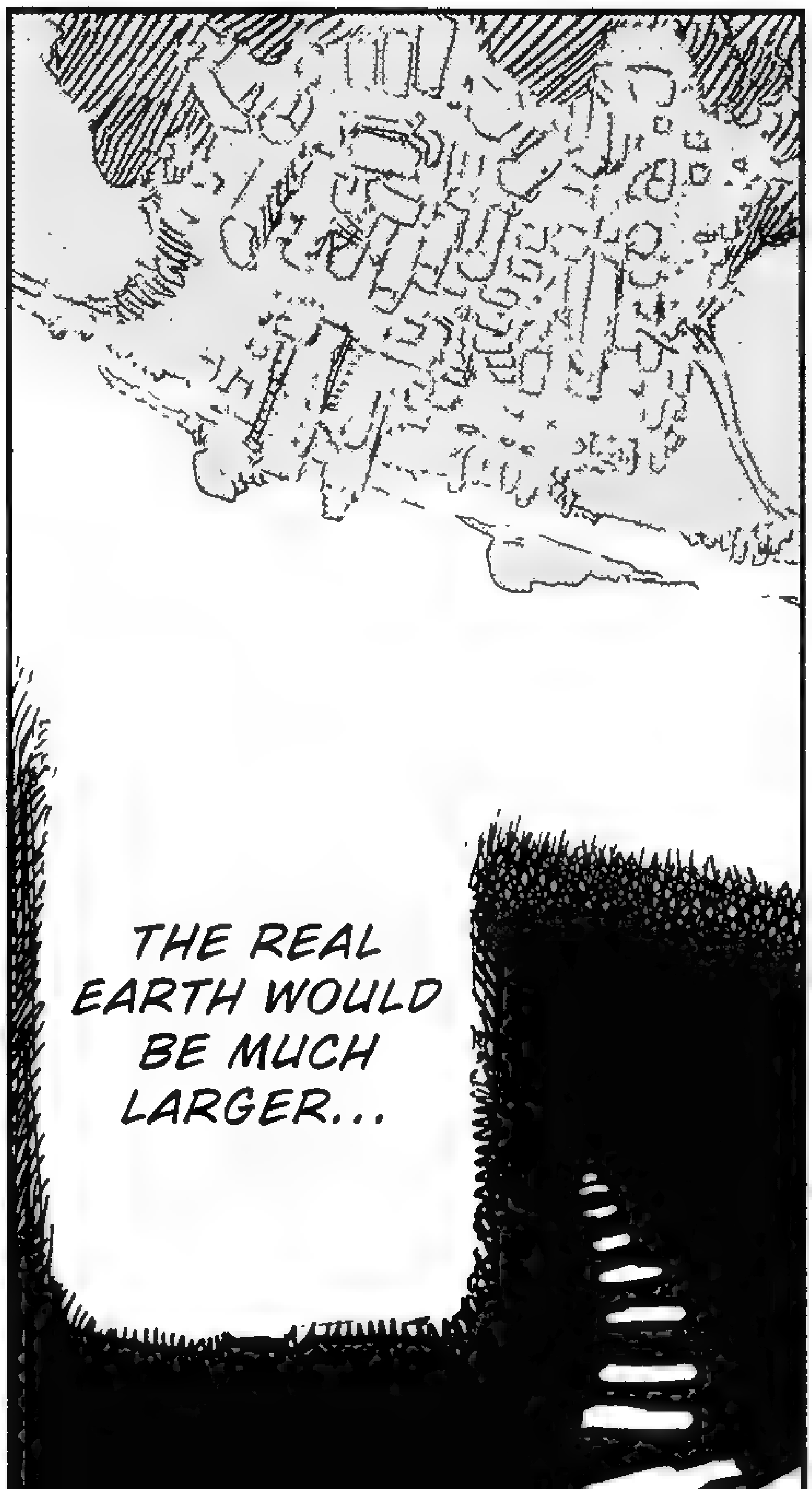


THIS PLACE...

...OF COURSE, THIS MUST BE A NEW COMPRESSED MENTAL TRAINING EXERCISE
WHERE IS EVERYONE?




THIS IS... HOW I IMAGINED EARTH LOOKS...


THE REAL EARTH WOULD BE MUCH LARGER...

A GIGANTIC FLOWER...

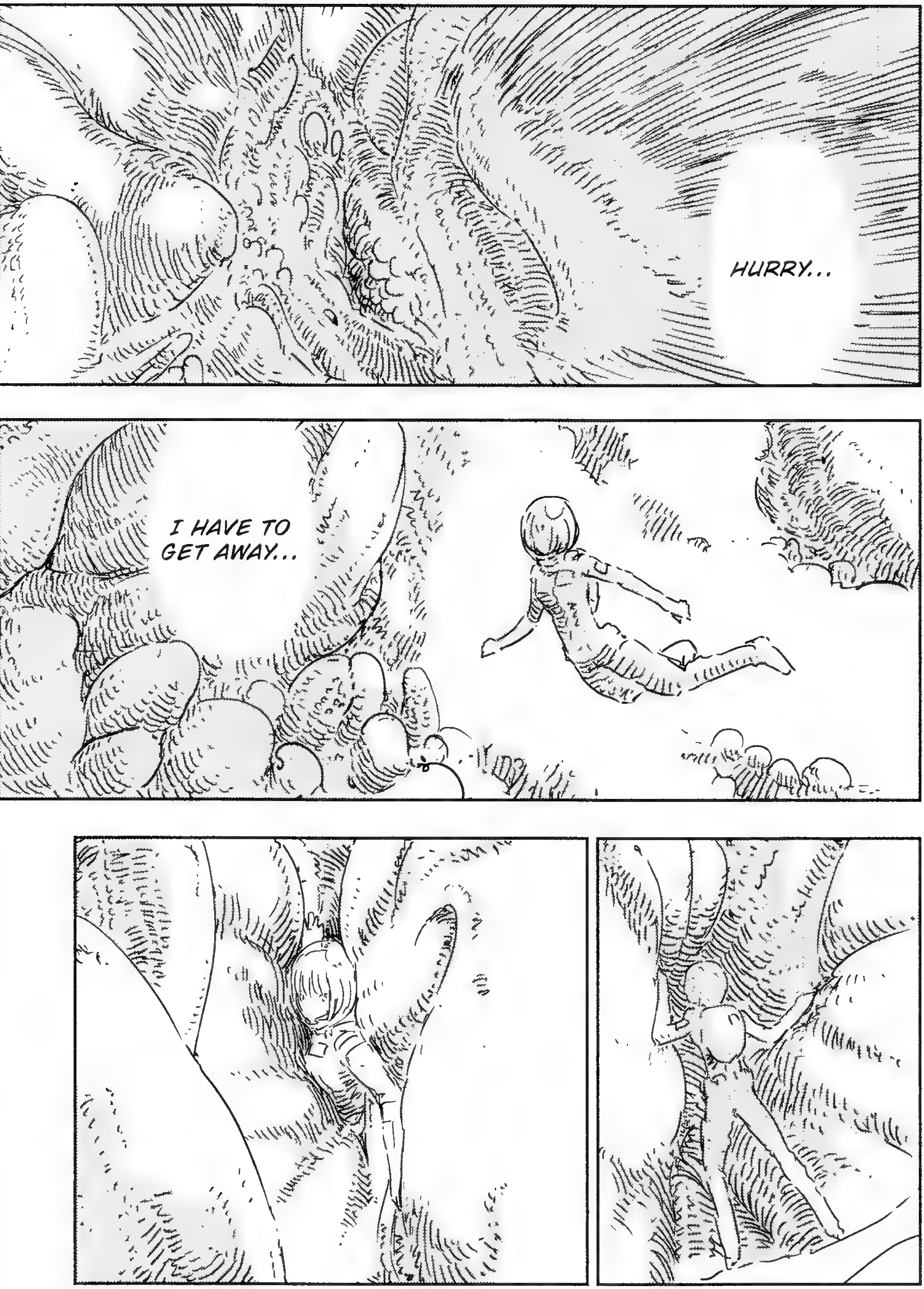
THIS ISN'T A FLOWER...
THIS IS PLACENTA!!
THAT'S RIGHT... I WAS SORTIEING IN A GUARDIAN...
AND A GAUNA CAUGHT ME...

WHAT'S GOING ON?..
MY MEMORY...
WHERE AM I..?
SHU RU RU
THIS IS...
INSIDE THE MASS UNION SHIP!?
PACHI
MY GUARDIAN....
NO RESPONSE
BI BU

SFX: *WEARING HOOD*

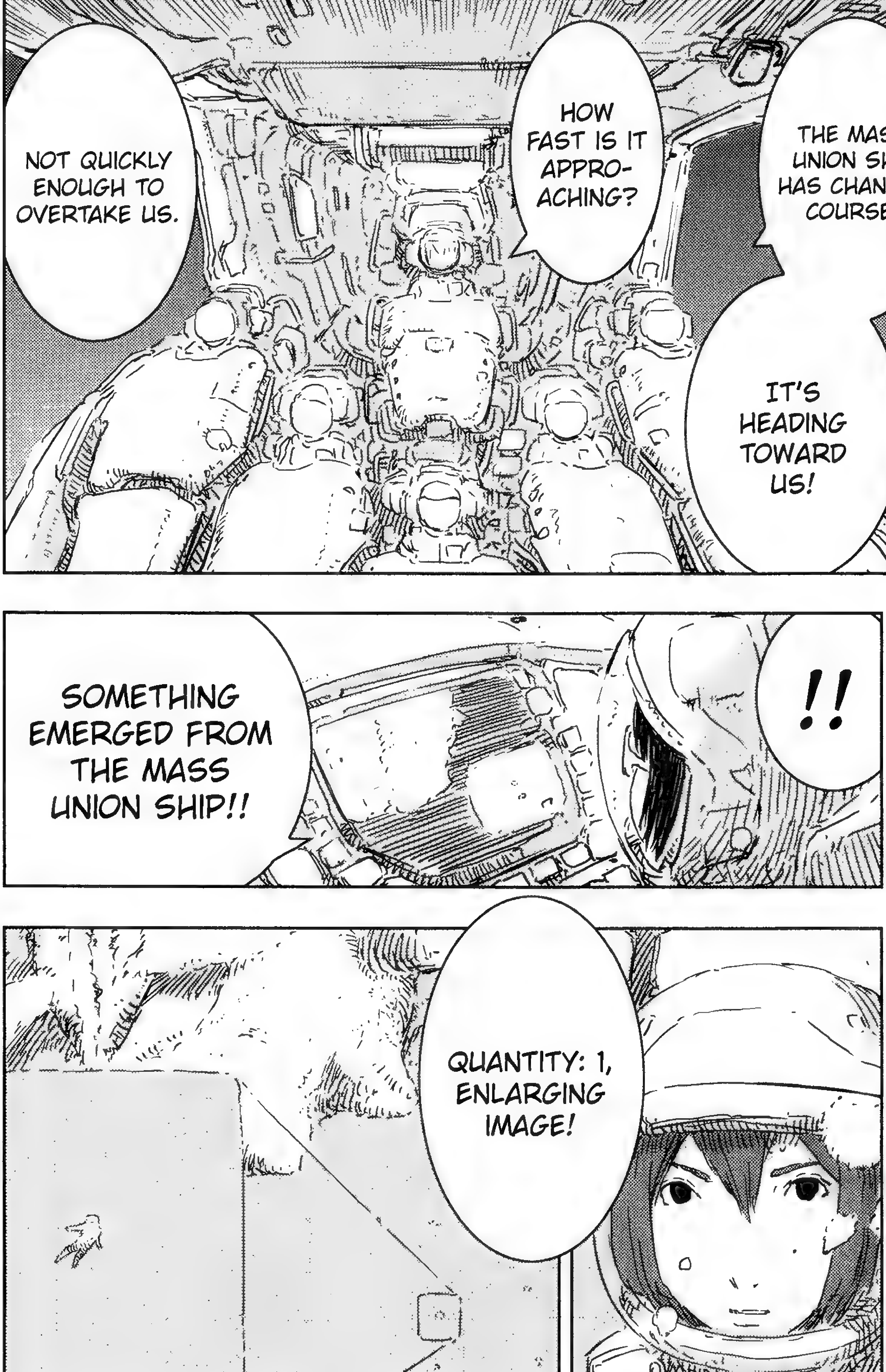
SFX: *BUTTONED*

A VOICE CALLED TO ME
FROM NEARBY
OH NO...
THERE'S MORE AND MORE PLACENTA...


HURRY...
I HAVE TO GET AWAY...

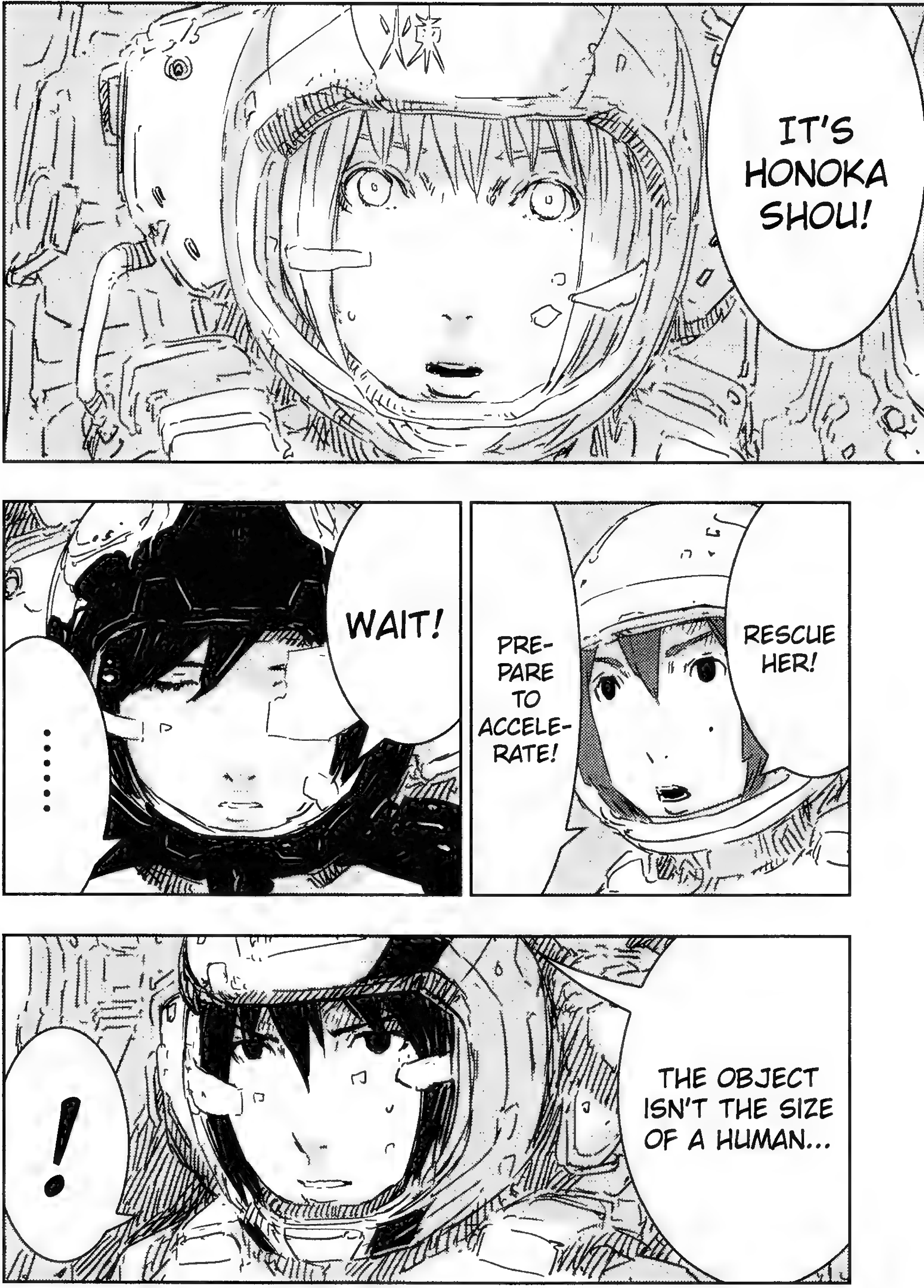
I WANT TO SEE EVERYONE...
AGAIN...
I WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE!!

I'M OUT...


THE MASS UNION SHIP HAS CHANGED COURSE!
IT'S HEADING TOWARD US!
HOW FAST IS IT APPROACHING?
NOT QUICKLY ENOUGH TO OVERTAKE US.
!!
SOMETHING EMERGED FROM THE MASS UNION SHIP!!
QUANTITY: 1, ENLARGING IMAGE!
ZOOM IN

THIS IS!?
I-IT'S A PILOT!!
!!
BODY CONDITION NORMAL.
VITAL SIGNS CONFIRMED!
RO
EN
REN
ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY THE PILOT.

HELMET: REN


IT'S HONOKA SHOU!
RESCUE HER!
PREPARE TO ACCELERATE!
WAIT!
......
THE OBJECT ISN'T THE SIZE OF A HUMAN...
!

IT'S 17 METRES LONG....

SENSORS DETECTED A TRUE BODY NEAR THE HEAD...
IT'S A GAUNA.

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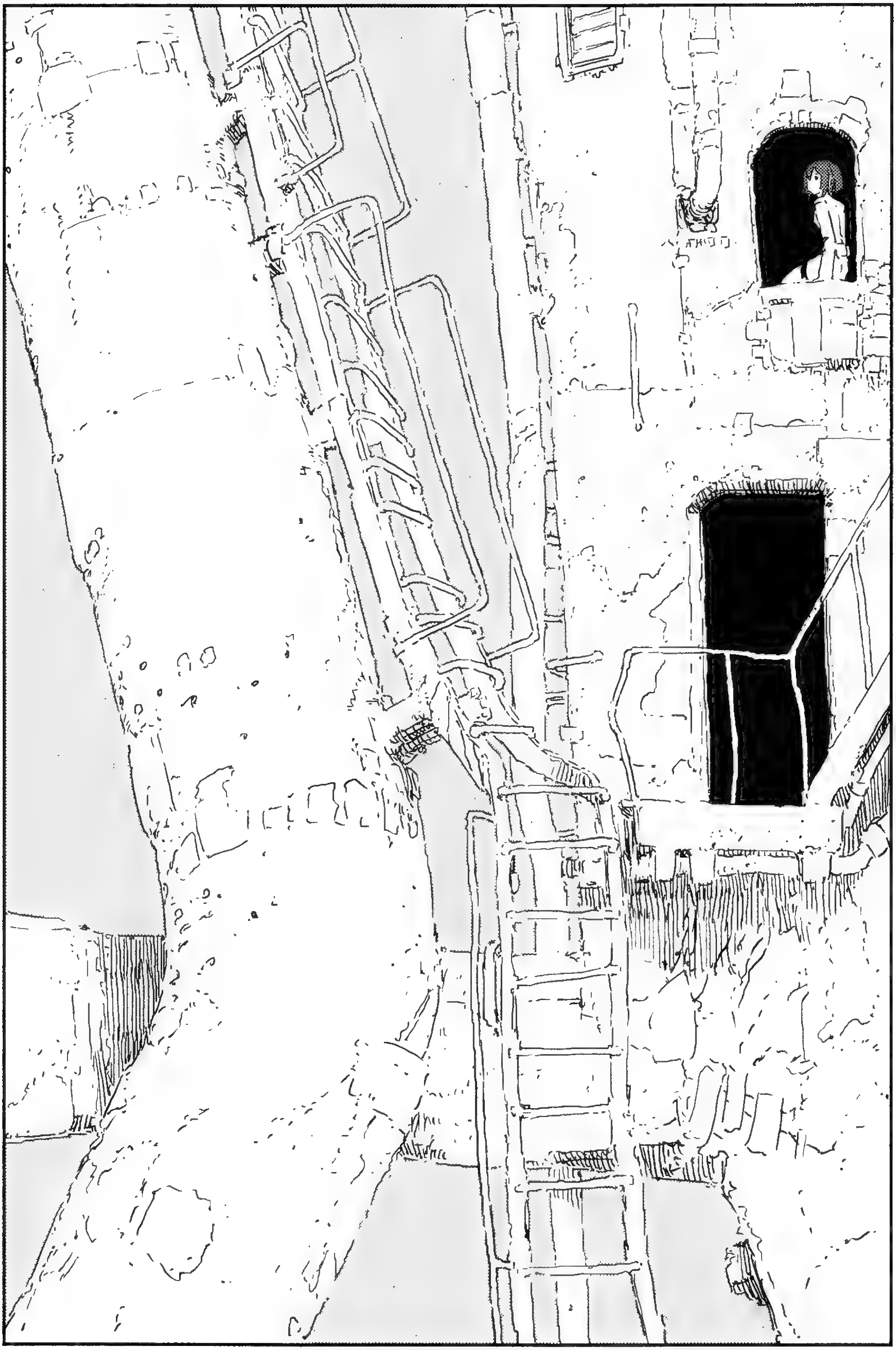
CHAPTER 58 MIZUKI'S ABILITIES



100 SIGHTS OF SIDONIA PART 44
A PIPE TO REPAIR

THE PILOT TYPE GAUNA IS APPROACHING MIZUKI!
MASS UNION SHIP
'GA
MIZUKI

SFX: *GOGOGO*
ブブブブブブブ
WHAT'S THAT...?
THE APPEARANCE IS INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM A HUMAN...
SOMETHING IS STRANGE WITH THIS GAUNA.
ITS DISTANCE FROM MIZUKI IS 100 KILO UNITS.
THE GAUNA REPLICATED IT. THAT MEANS THE PILOT WAS ABSORBED.
WE SHOULD JUST ATTACK IT!

A MESSAGE FROM SIDONIA!
IT SAYS THAT WE MUST RETRIEVE THE HUMAN TYPE PLACENTA IF POSSIBLE.
RETRIEVE... THAT'S NOT SO EASY...
RIDICULOUS!!
THE PURPOSE OF THIS MISSION DOESN'T INCLUDE SUCH A THING. THE SAFETY OF THE CARGO SHOULD BE TOP PRIORITY!
YOU HAVE TO SIT DOWN, CHIEF!
THE TRUE BODY OF THIS GAUNA EXISTS JUST BETWEEN THE BRAIN AND THE SPINE.
GAUNA
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO REMOVE ONLY THE PLACENTA...

ITS DISTANCE FROM MIZUKI IS 70 KILO UNITS!
THIS IS HONOKA SHOU.
MIZUKI, DO YOU READ ME?
COMMUNICATION
!
IT'S FROM HONOKA, I MEAN, FROM THE GAUNA.
……
HELMET: REN
れん

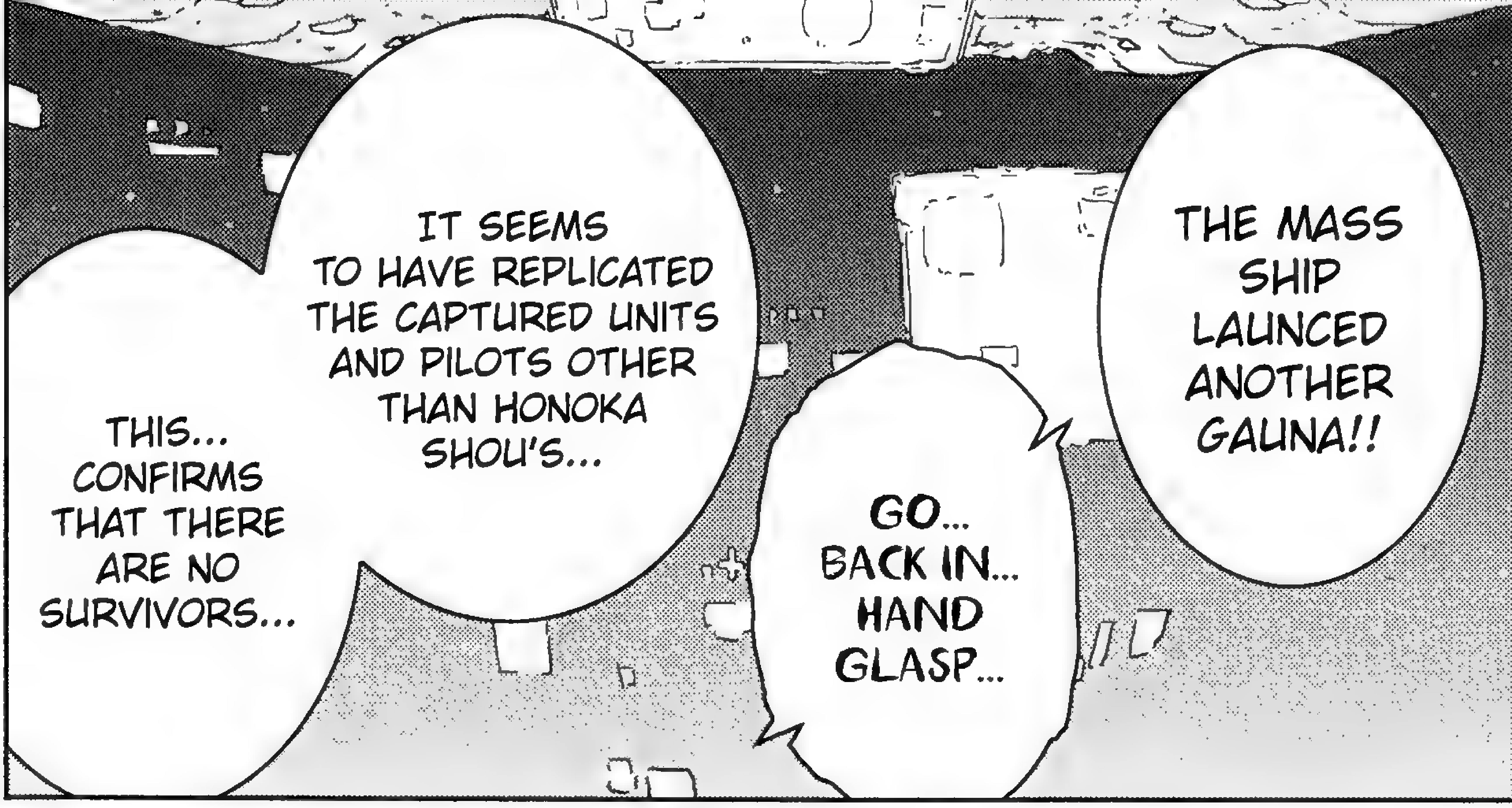
I SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM THE MASS UNION SHIP.
……
MIZUKI, DO YOU READ ME?
NO RESPONSE...
I WAS SO LUCKY...
I POPPED OUT IN THE DIRECTION RIGHT TOWARD MIZUKI.
THAT REMINDS ME... THERE WERE SOME OTHER UNITS THAT WERE CAPTURED BY THE GAUNA AS WELL...

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THEM...
BZZZT
THIS IS GUARDIAN.
M-M-MIZUKI, PLEASE RESPOND.
!!
THANK GOD!
SOMEONE ESCAPED SAFELY! ALONG WITH THE GUARDIAN...

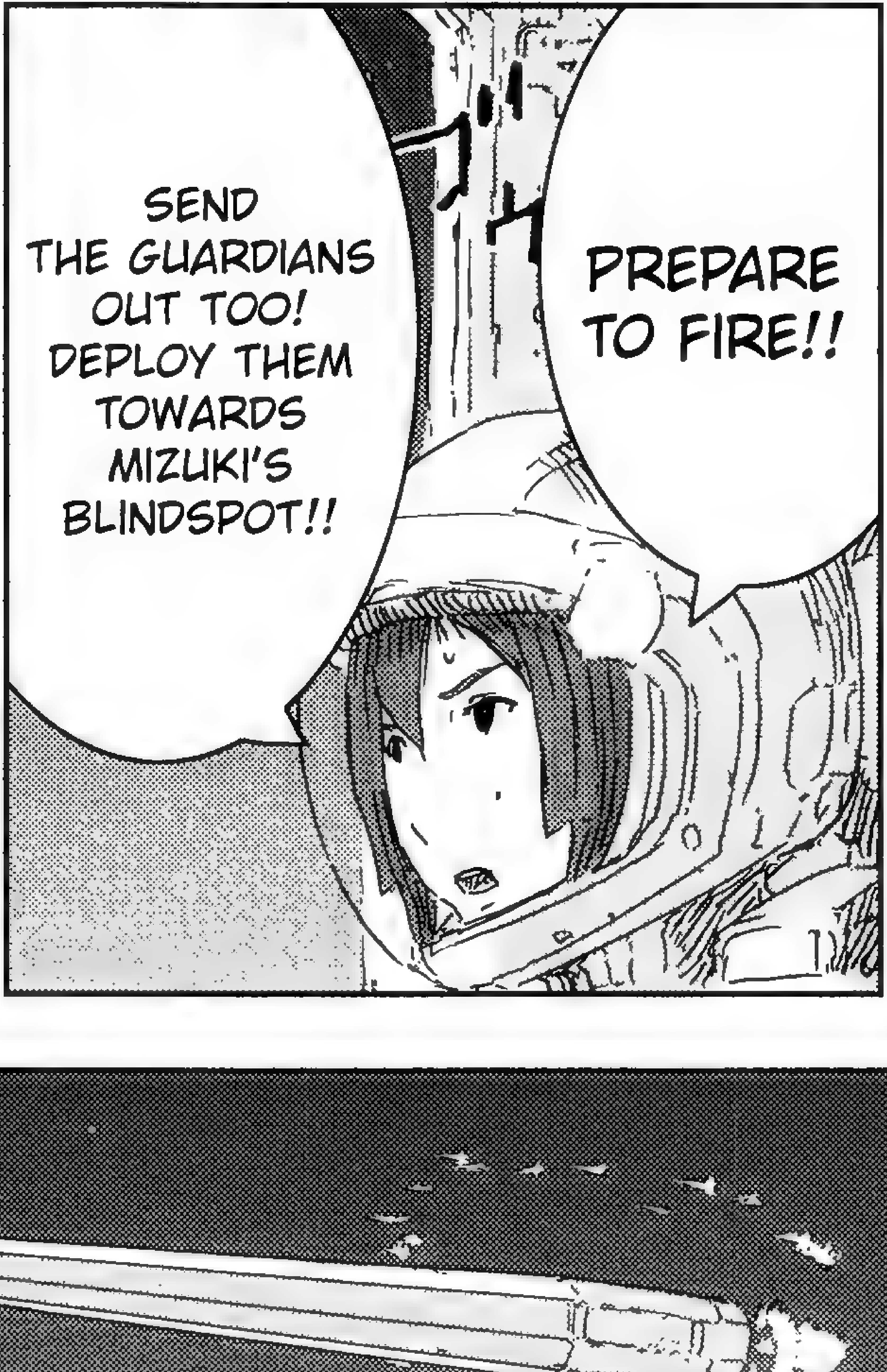
THIS IS GUARDIAN. M-M-MI-
MIZUKI, PLEASE RESPOND.

SFX: *BAKUNG* (OPEN)

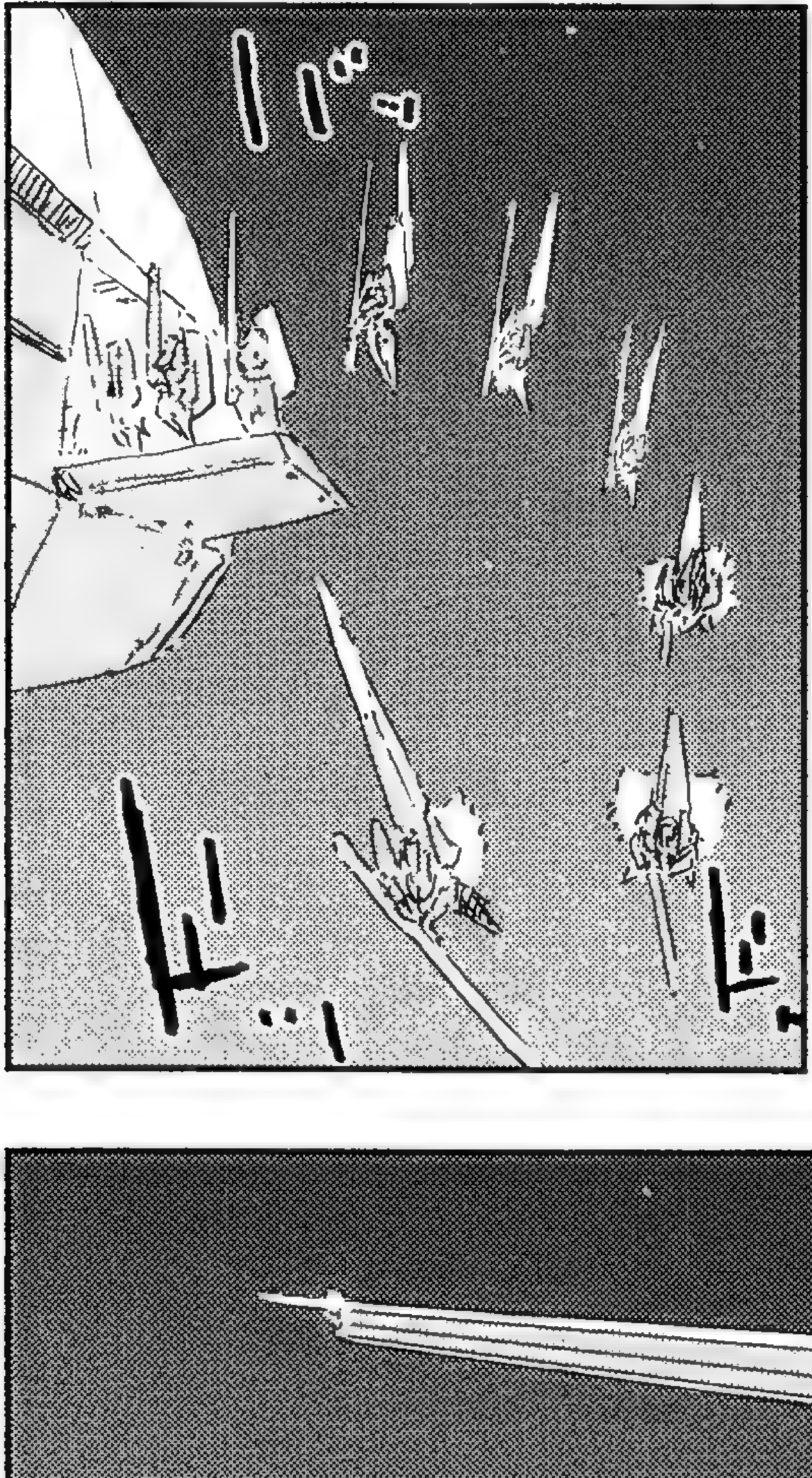
SH-... SHO...
LET'S... GO BACK IN... HAND CLASP...

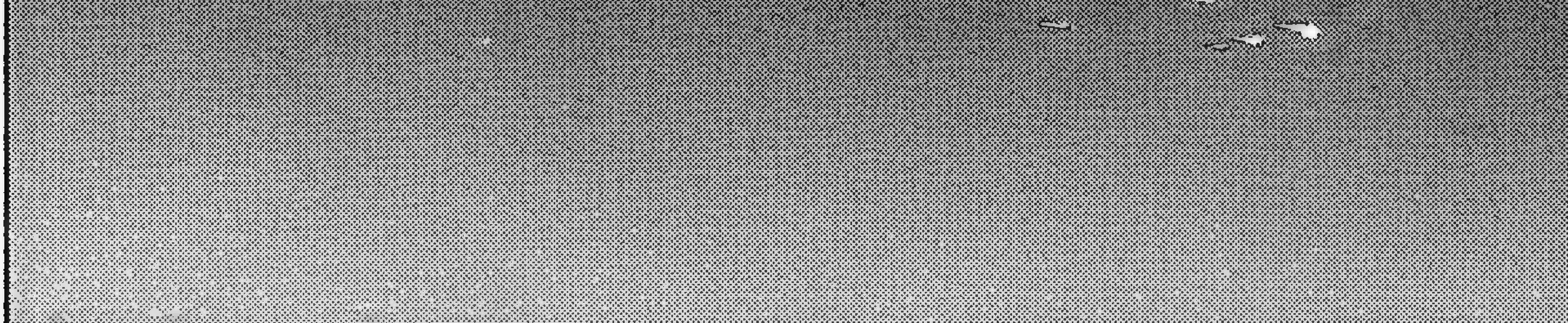

THE MASS SHIP LAUNCED ANOTHER GAUNA!!
GO... BACK IN... HAND GLASP...
IT SEEMS TO HAVE REPLICATED THE CAPTURED UNITS AND PILOTS OTHER THAN HONOKA SHOU'S...
THIS... CONFIRMS THAT THERE ARE NO SURVIVORS...

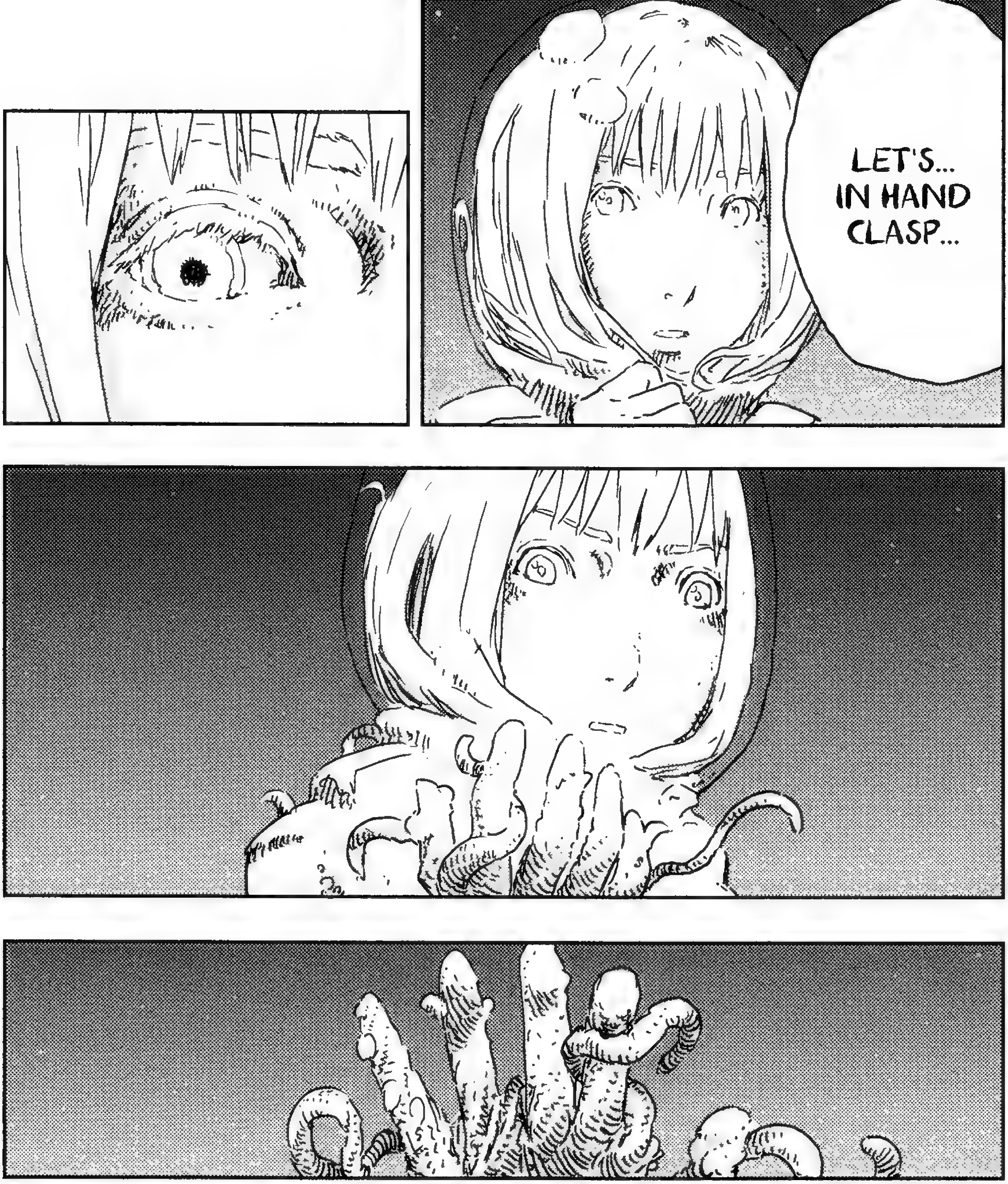
SFX: *GOOH*


PREPARE TO FIRE!!
SEND THE GUARDIANS OUT TOO! DEPLOY THEM TOWARDS MIZUKI'S BLINDSPOT!!

SFX: *BA* *DO DO*





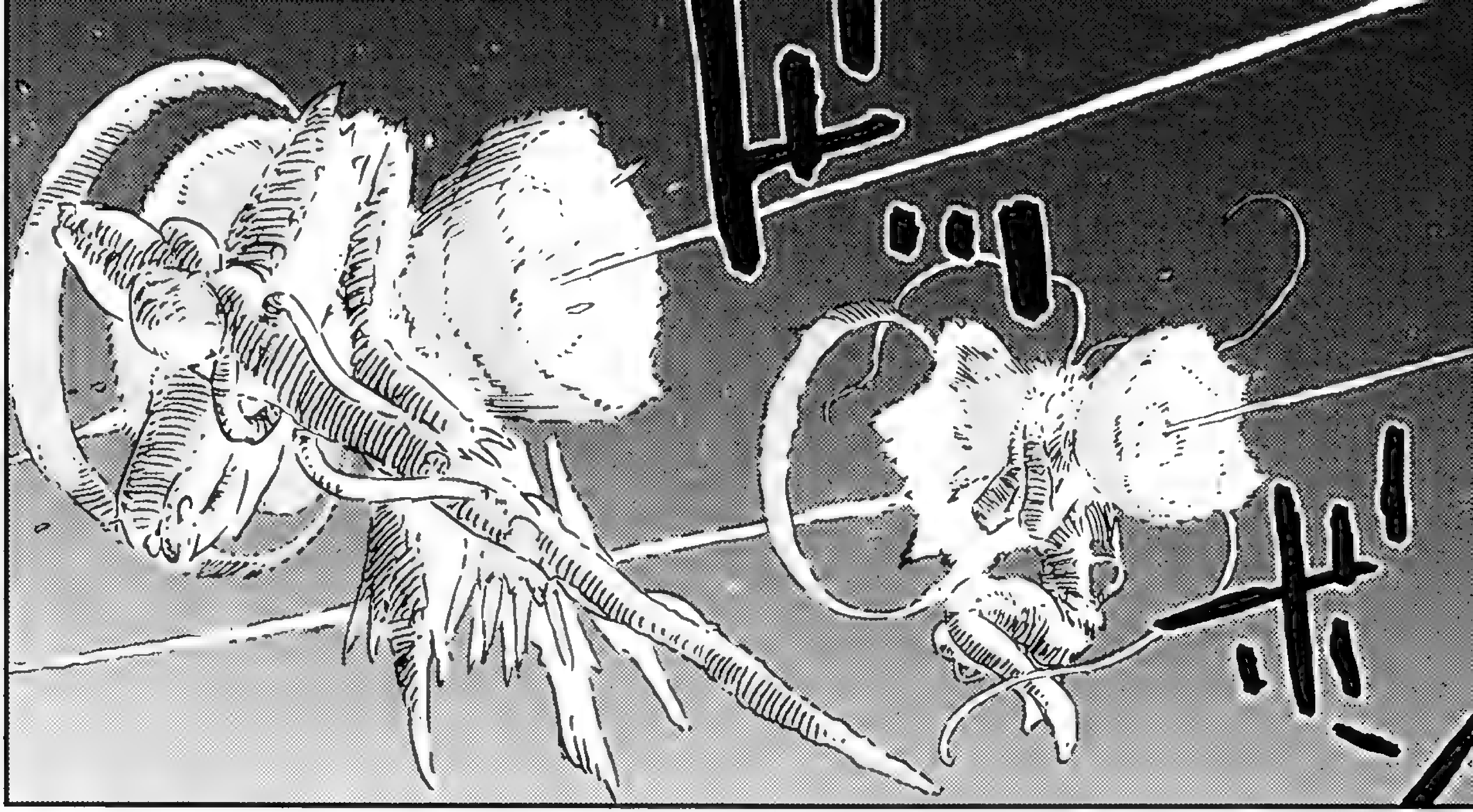

LET'S... IN HAND CLASP...

GAUNOLOGY (A STUDY OF GAUNA)

IF A GAUNA REPLICATES A HUMAN BEING PERFECTLY,
THE GAUNA WOULD PROBABLY POSSESS
THE SAME EGO AS THE ORIGINAL HUMAN BEING.

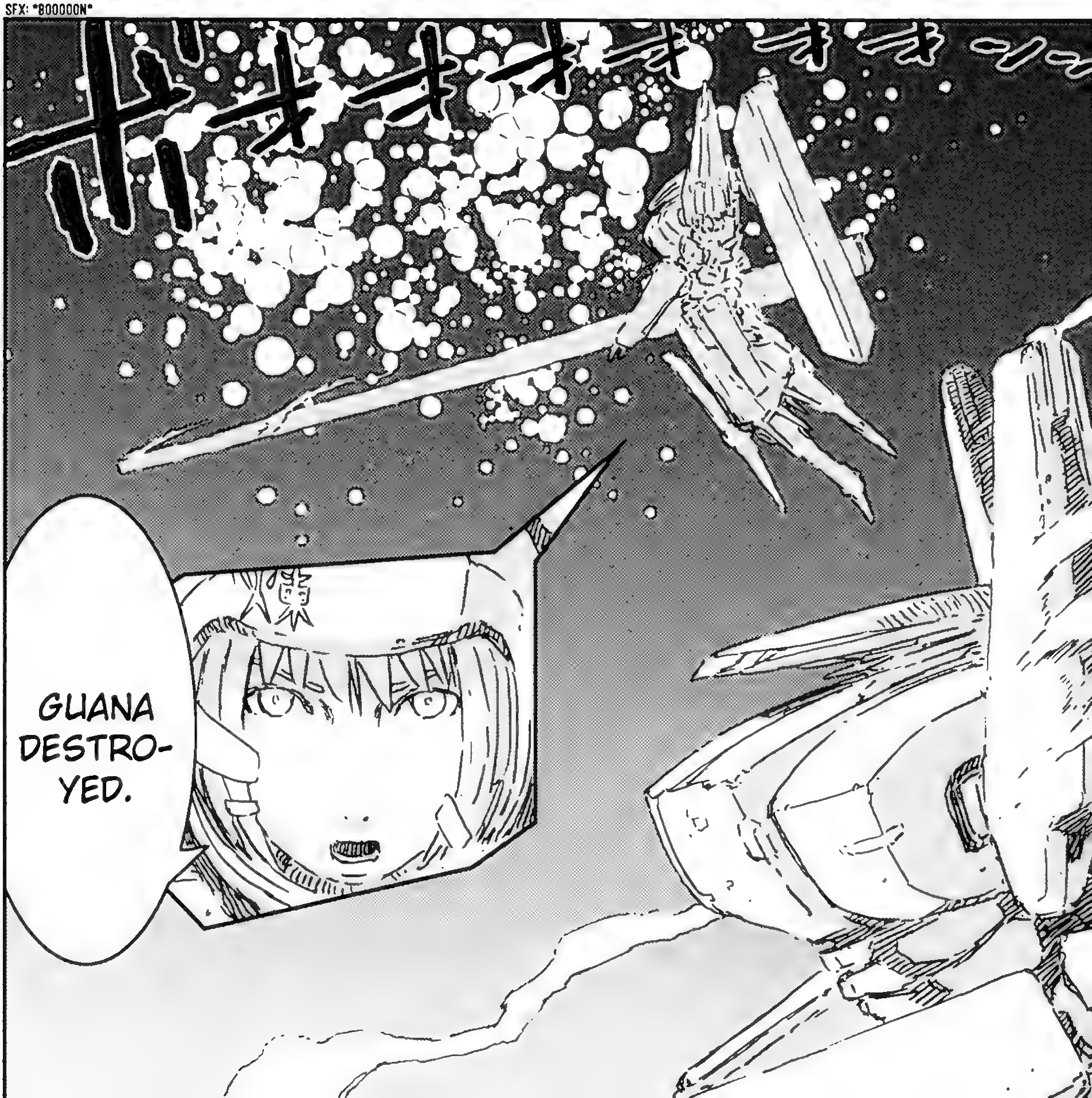
LET'S... GO...BACK... TO... SIDO...IA...

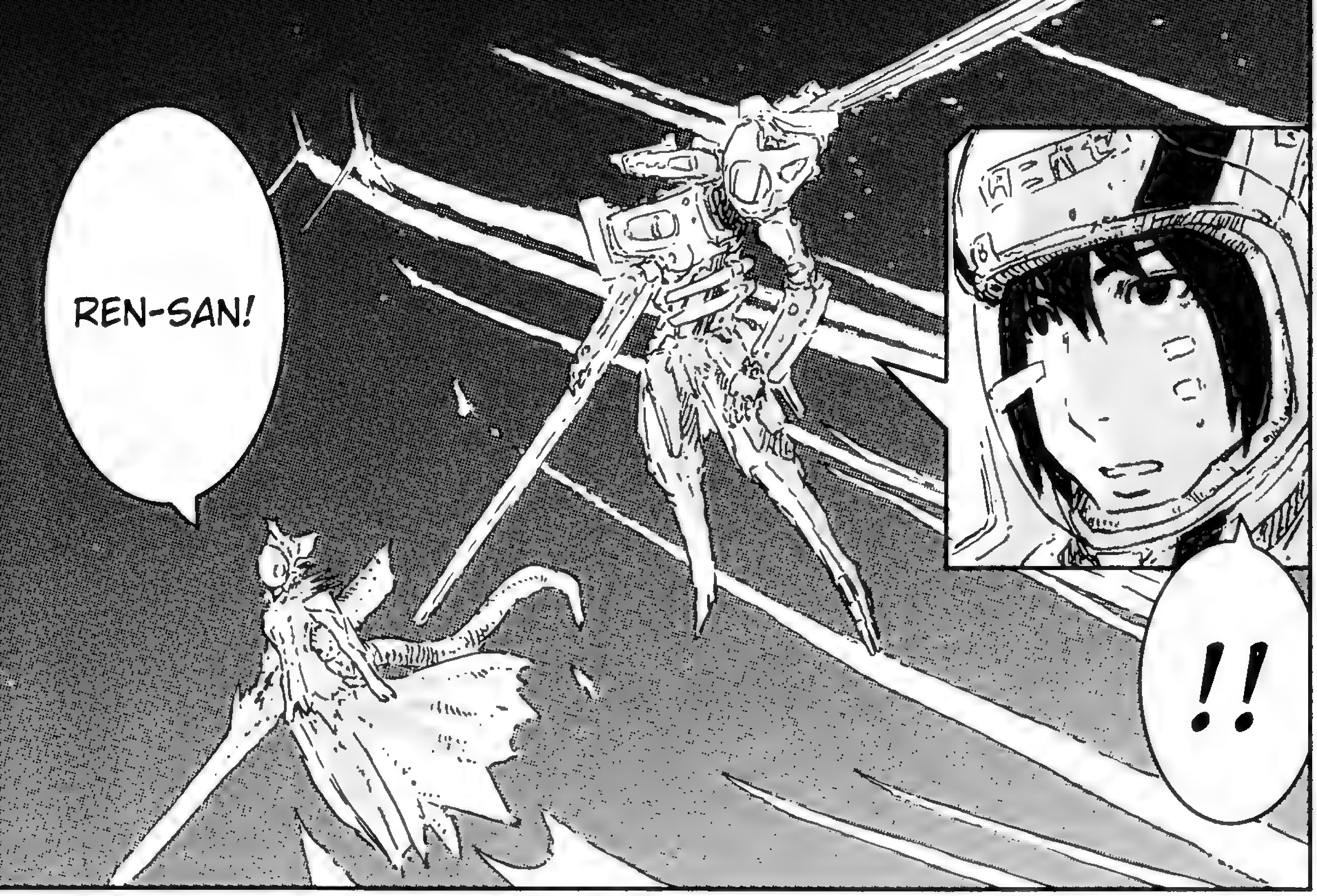
I'M...
...A GA...
U....NA!!!
SFX: *ZURUN* (DEFORM)
ズルン



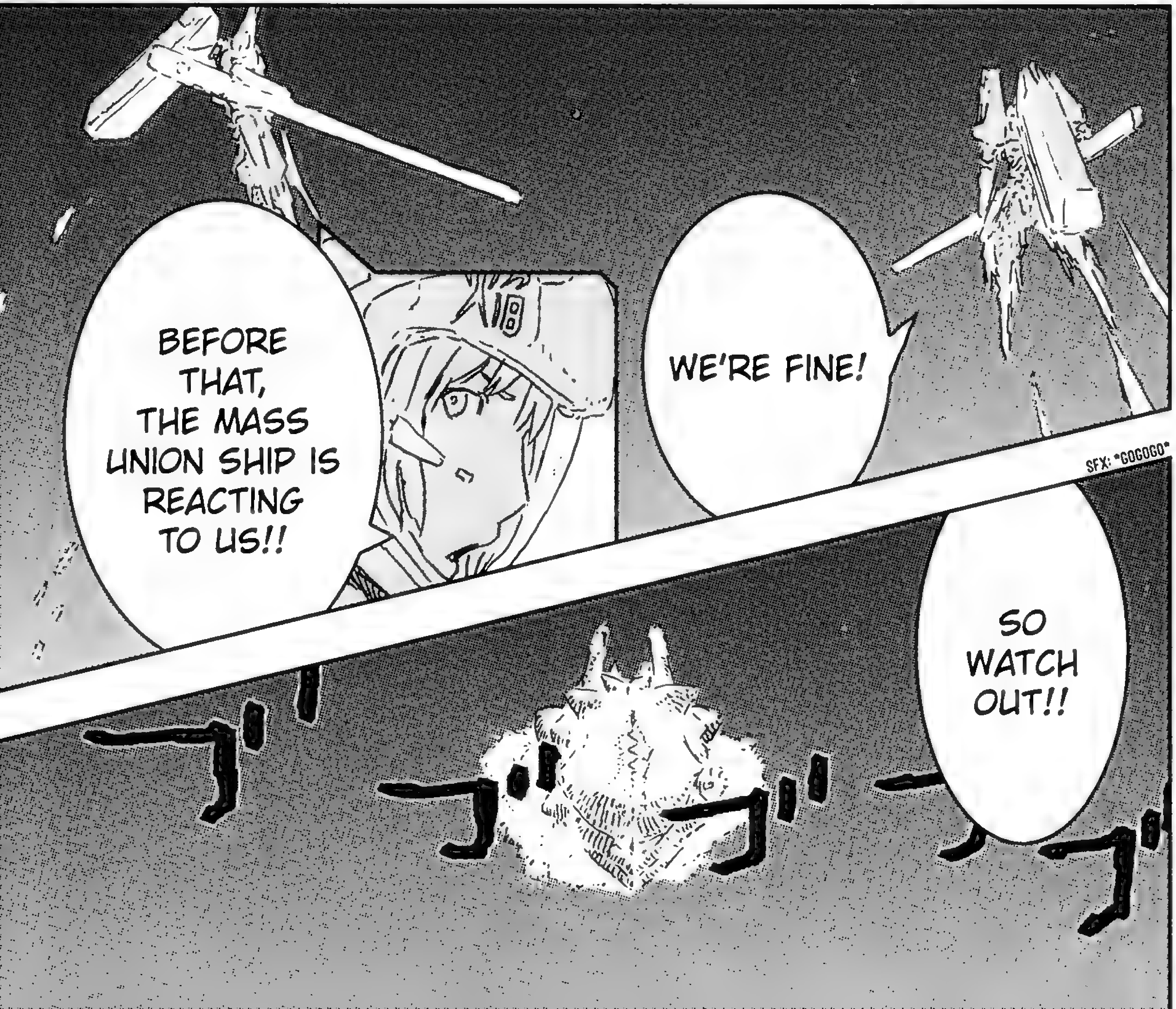
SFX: *DOO* *BONG*

SFX: *BOOOOON*


GUANA DESTROYED.


REN-SAN!
!!

HEMET: EN


WE'RE FINE!
BEFORE THAT, THE MASS UNION SHIP IS REACTING TO US!!
SFX: "GOGOGO"
SO WATCH OUT!!

ATTACK!! DESTROY THE MASS UNION SHIP!!
SEARCH FOR THE LOCATION OF THE TRUE BODY.
MAIN TRUE BODY
1
2
3
THERE ARE THREE MAIN BODIES! THEY'RE LOCATED IN SPOTS THAT CANNOT BE HIT FROM THE FRONT.
SFX: *BASHA!*
I'LL TAKE THE HELM!

YOU KNOW I WAS THE #1 IN THE STEERING TEST.
I WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN.
EH!?
SFX: *DOH*
BEEPBEEPBEEP BEEP
THE MASS UNION SHIP IS LAUNCHING GAUNA!!

SFX: *GON GON*
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SFX: *GAGON*
SFX: *VOOOON*
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BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
CLICK
SFX: *DON*
ドーン

SFX: *DODODO*
SFX: *BASU* *BABASU* *BOOOON*
SFX: *GOOOOO*
HIT!
HIT!
OUR DISTANCE TO THE MASS UNION SHIP IS 50 KILO UNITS!!
WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
WE'LL CRASH INTO THE MASS UNION SHIP AT THIS RATE!!
REVERSE THRUST.
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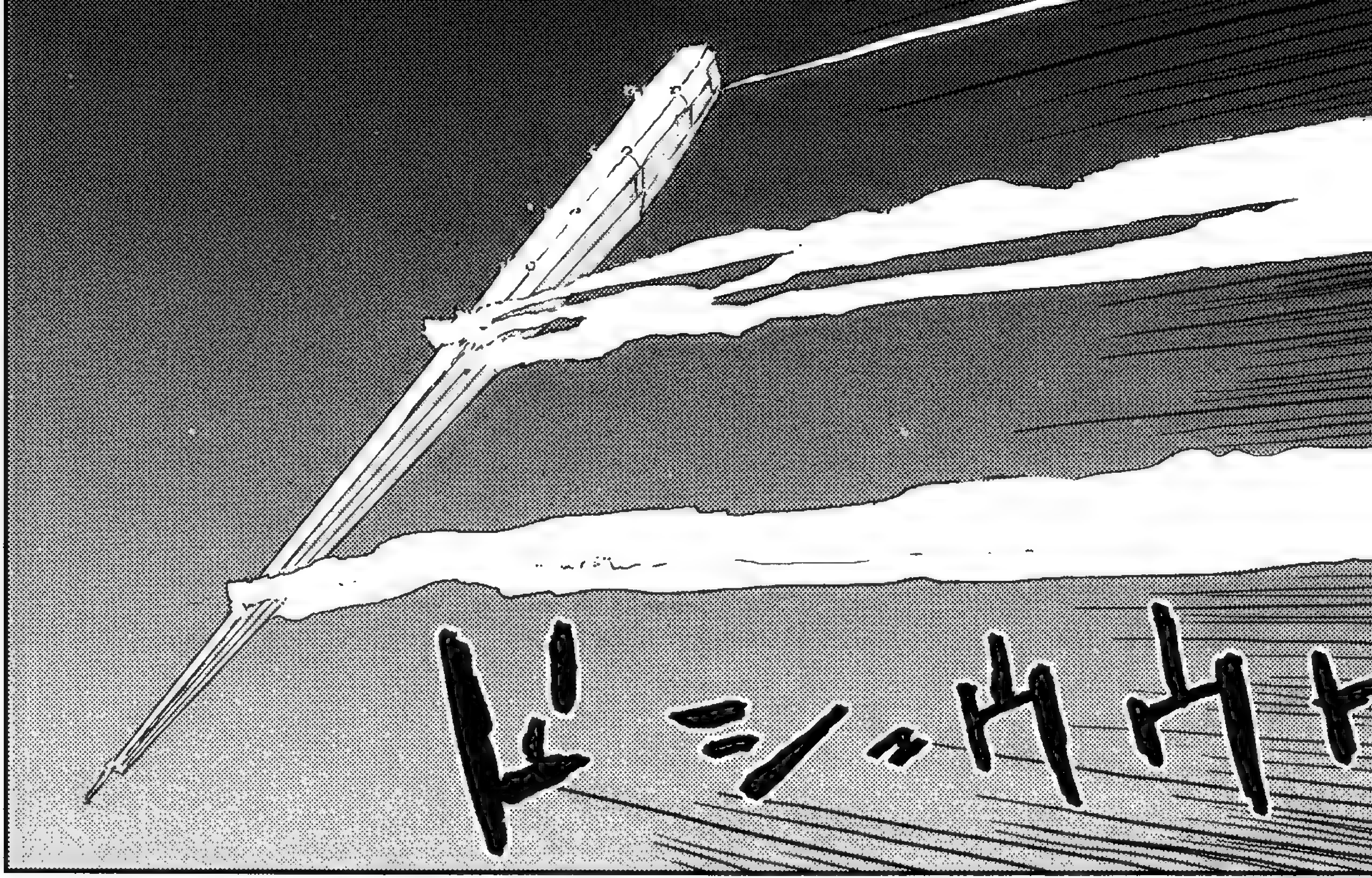
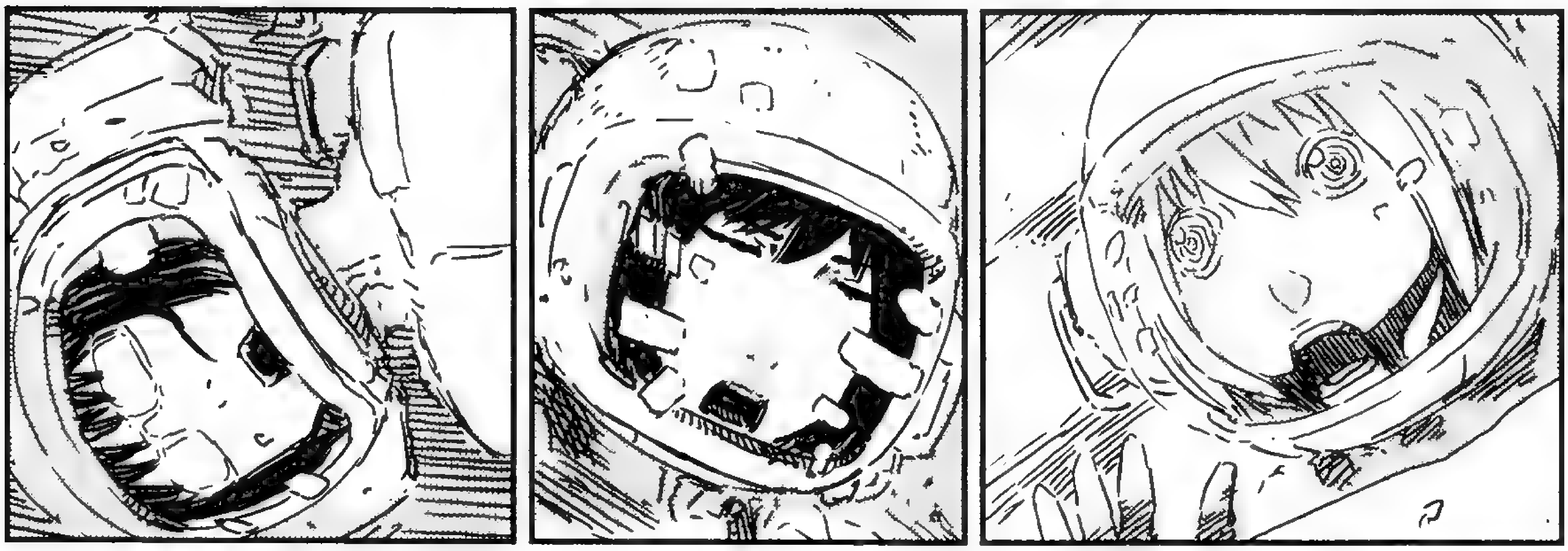
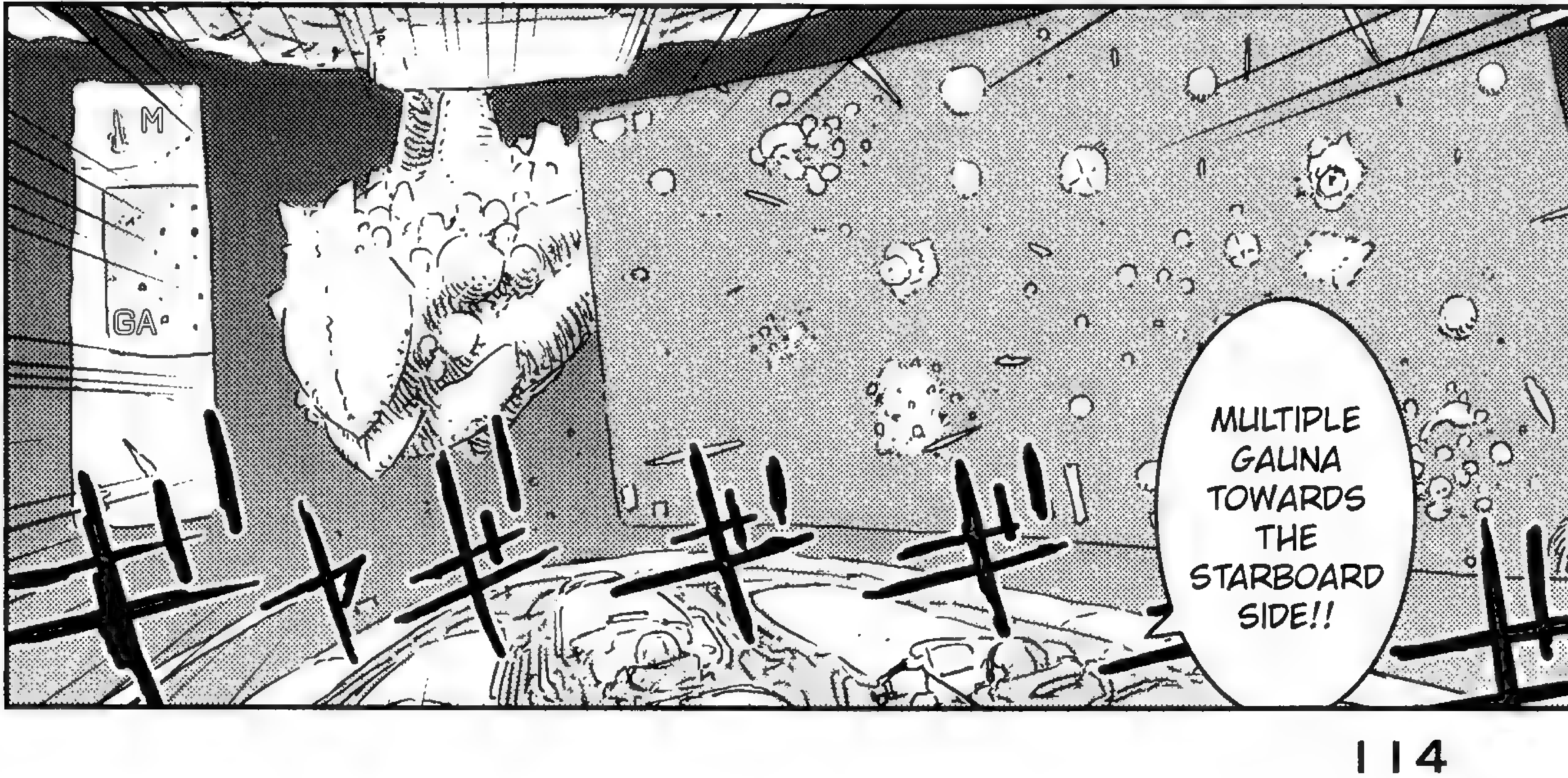
SFX: *BA*



SFX: *DOSHOOOOO*



SFX: *GYAGIGIGIGIGI*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MULTIPLE GAUNA TOWARDS THE STARBOARD SIDE!!
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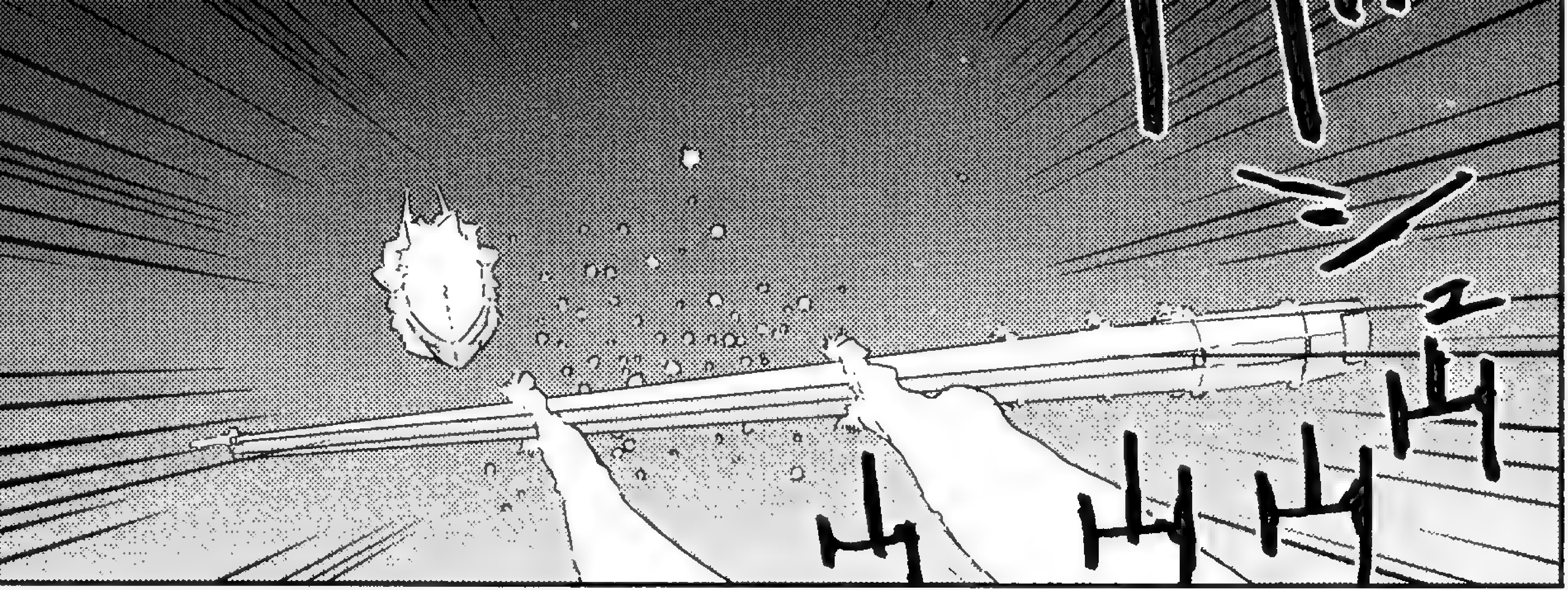
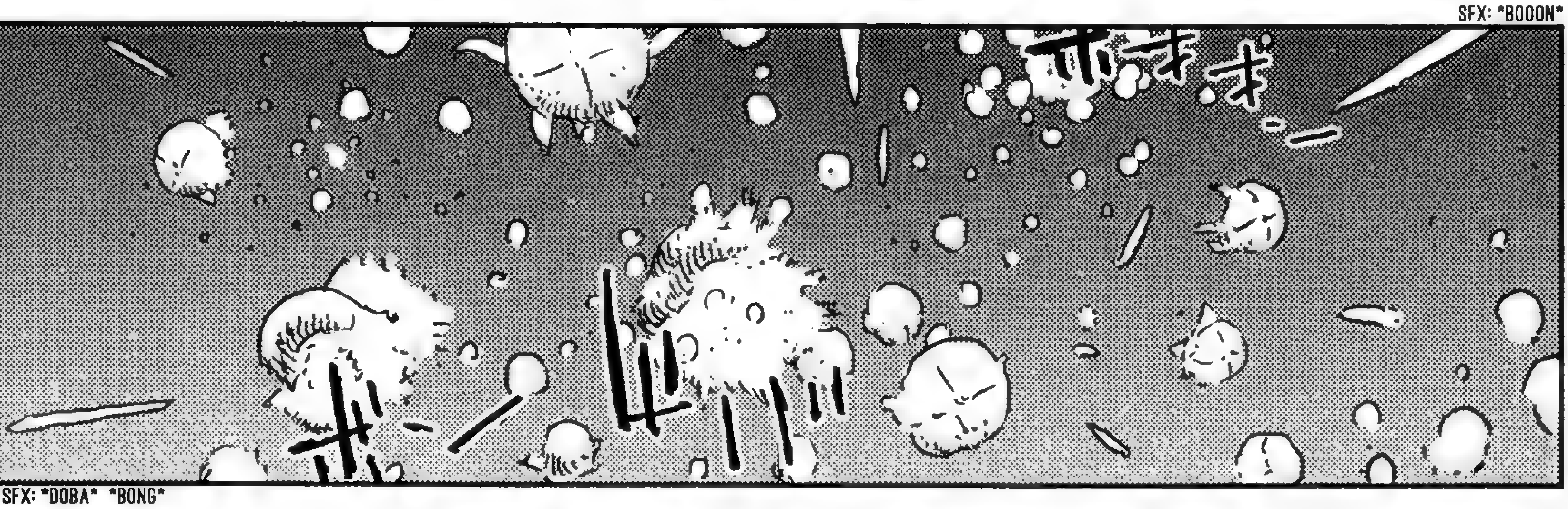
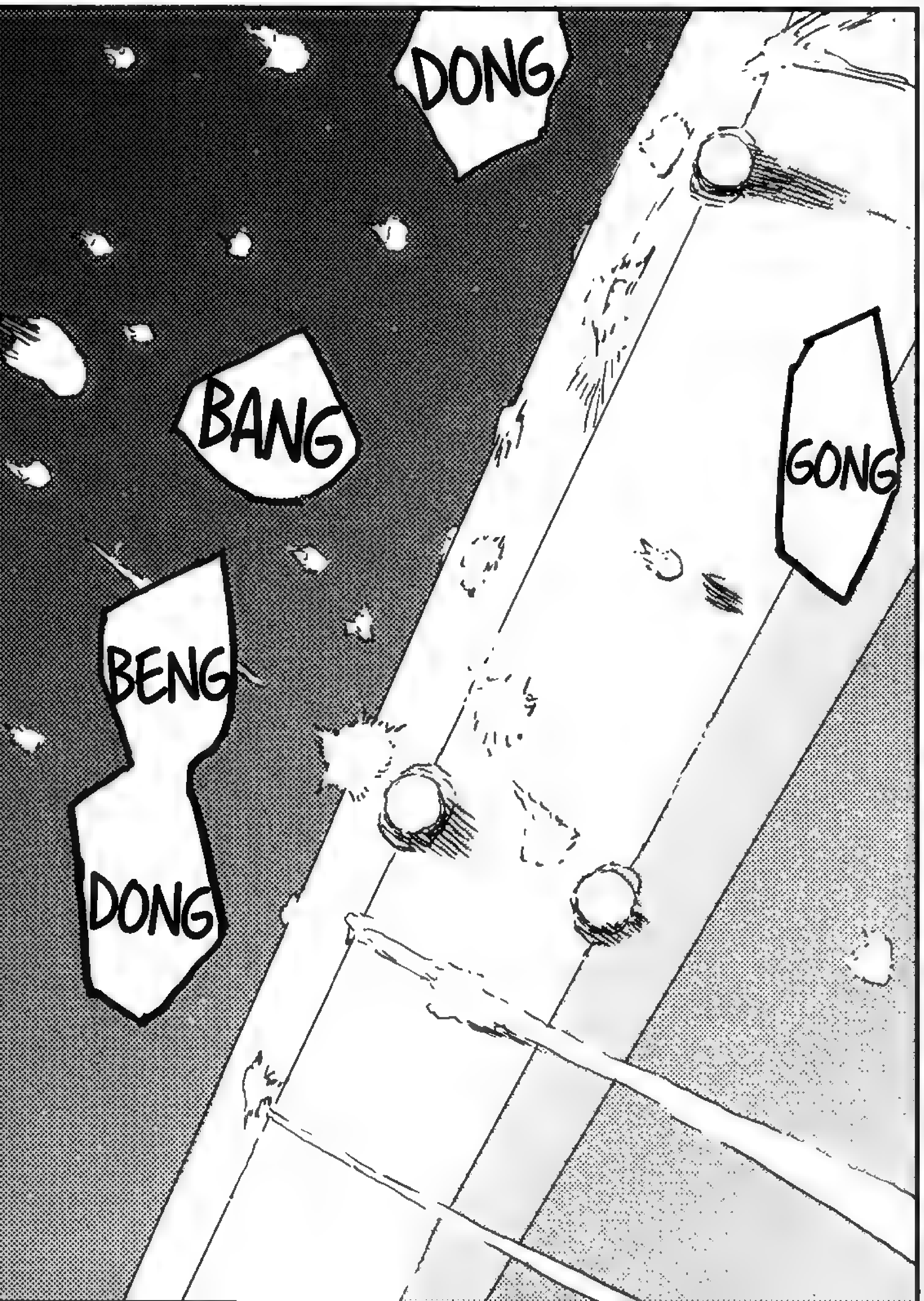


SFX: *BASHOOO*

SFX: *BOOON*



SFX: *DOBA* *BONG*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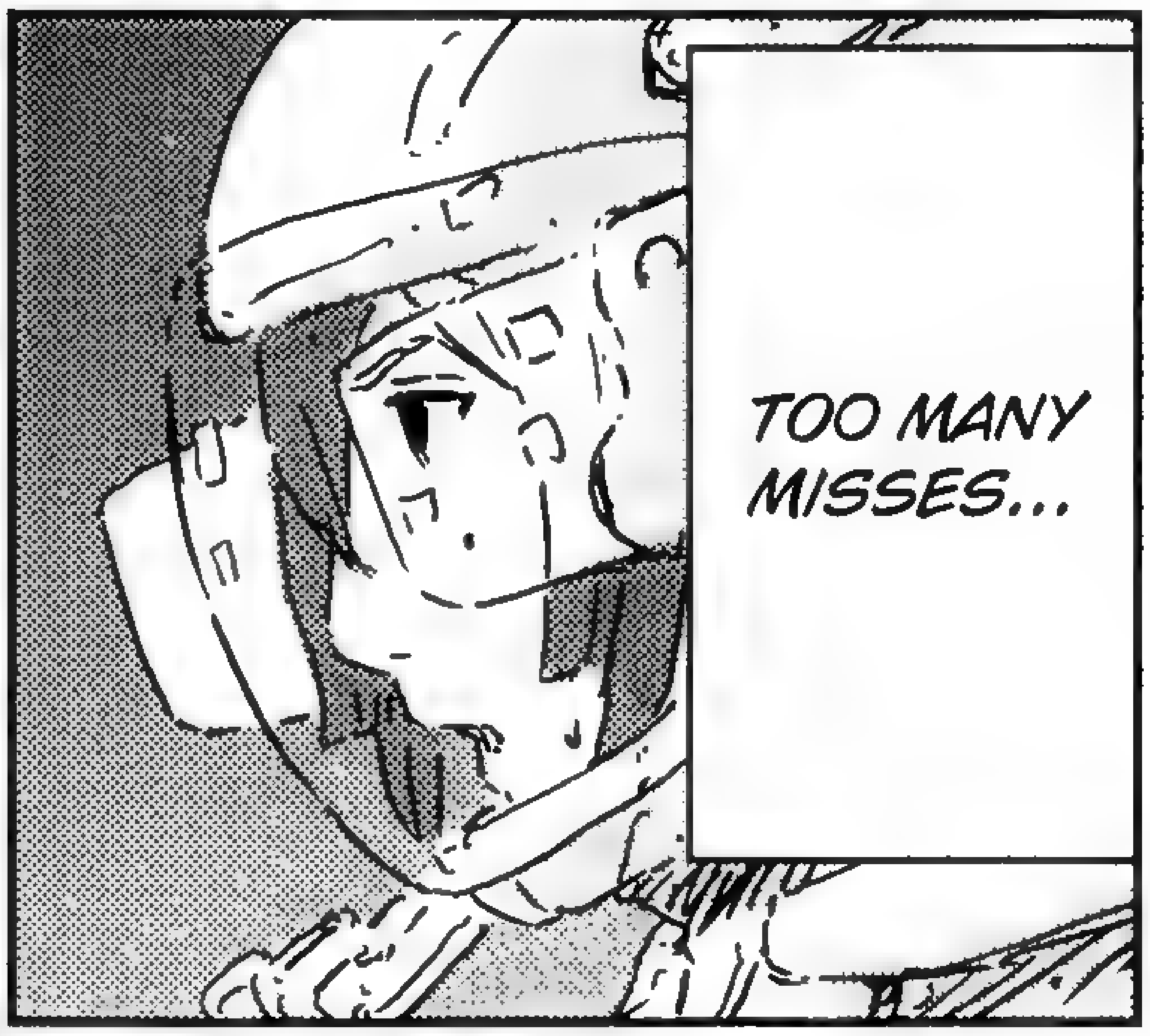
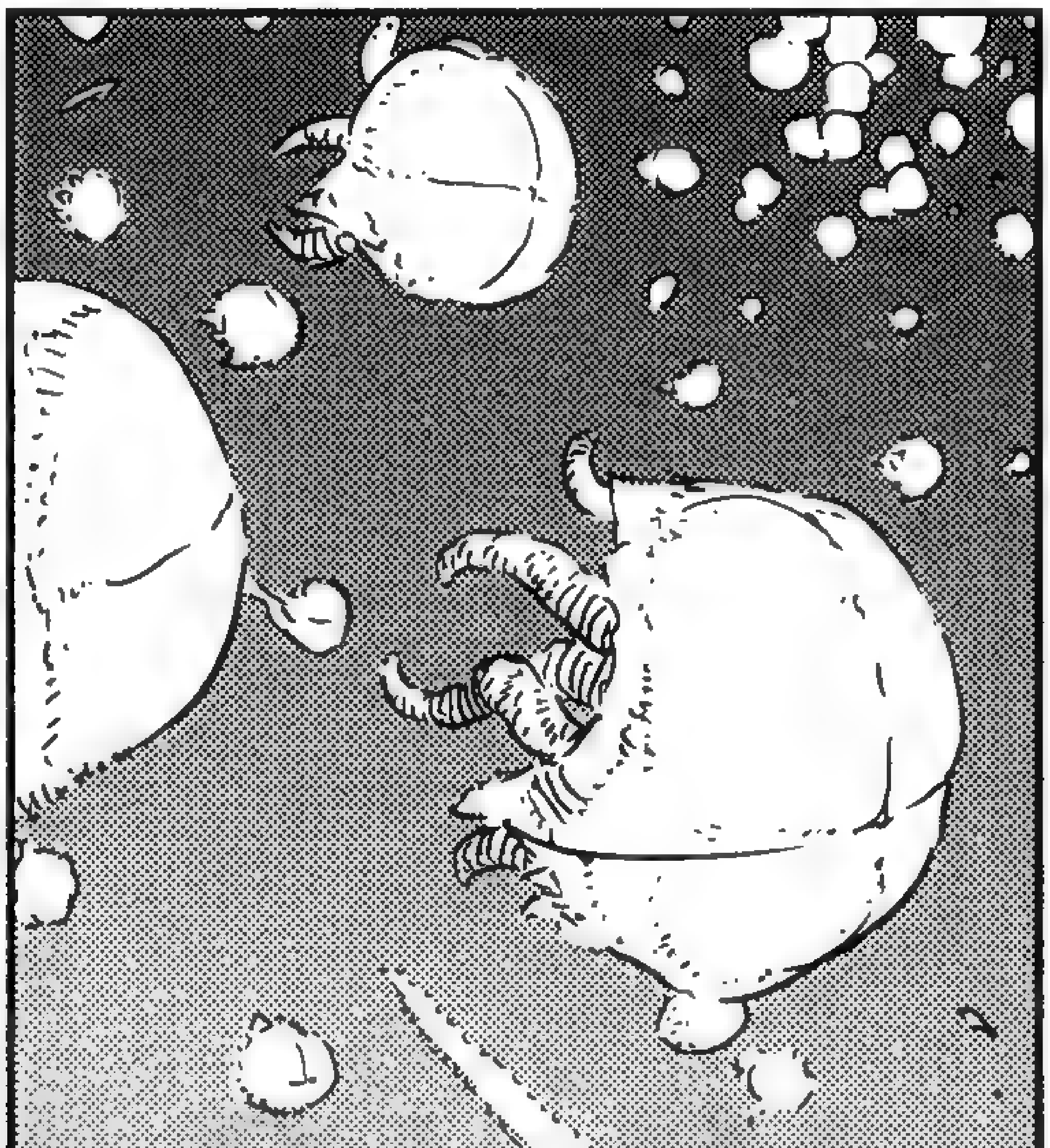

TOO MANY MISSES...



COLLIDED WITH GAUNA!!
DANGER
DAMAGE ON THE SHIP'S HULL!!
THE MASS UNION SHIP IS LAUNCHING MORE GAUNA!!
DOPUPUPU

SFX: *ZUZU*

SFX: *DOGOON* *GOGOON*

SFX: *DON*
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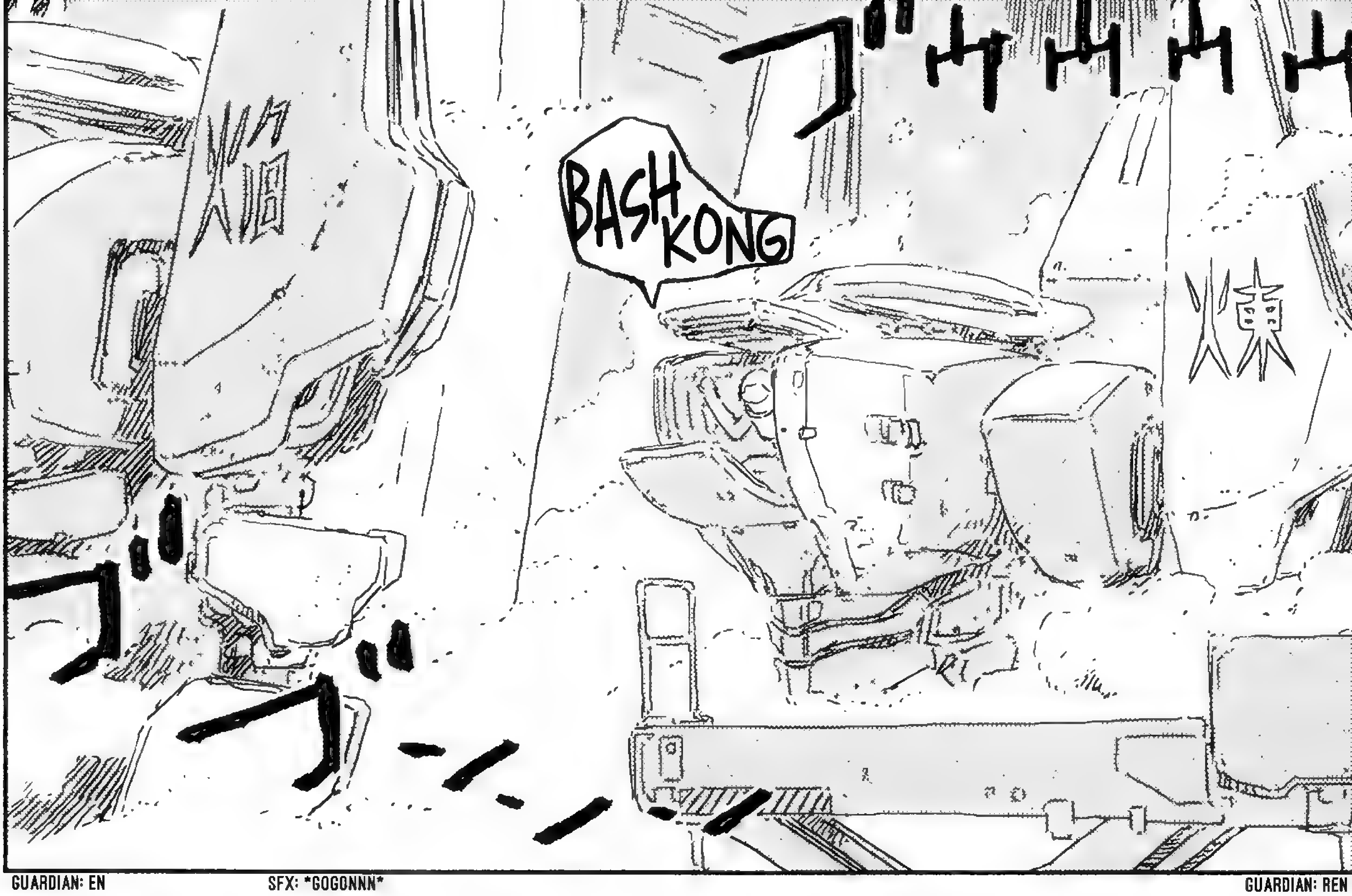
MASS UNION SHIP DESTROYED!!
THE NUMBER OF REMAINING GAUNA IS 34!

SFX: "BO"
SFX: "DON"
HUFF
HUFF
SFX: "BOGOOON"
THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL GAUNA HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.
RETRIEVE THE GUARDIANS.
SWITCH TO NORMAL NAVIGATION. WE ARE GOING BACK TO OUR SCHEDULED COURSE.
SIGH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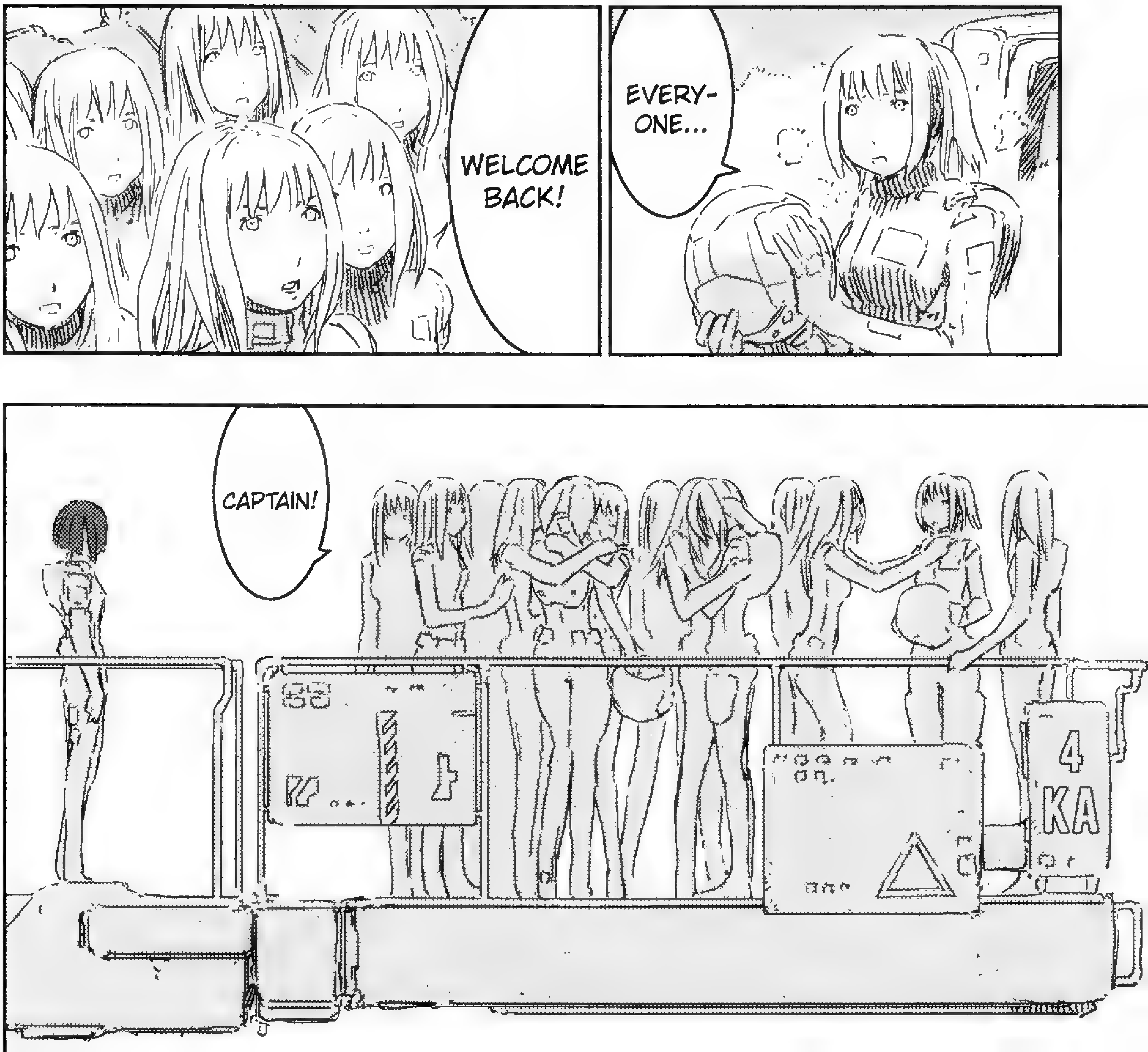
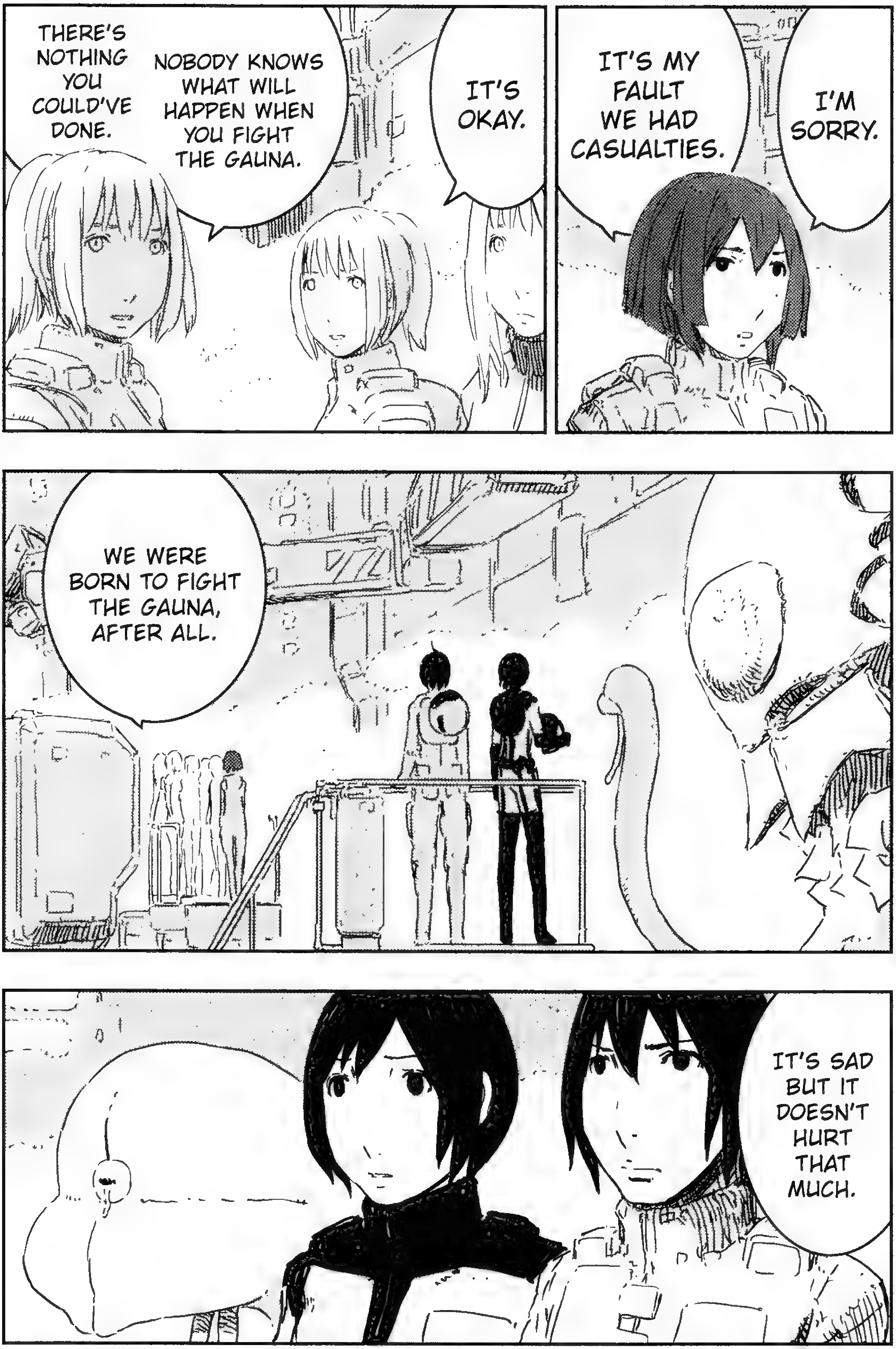
GUARDIAN: EN

SFX: *GOGONNN*

GUARDIAN: REN


EVERY-ONE...
WELCOME BACK!
CAPTAIN!
4 KA


I'M SORRY.
IT'S MY FAULT WE HAD CASUALTIES.
IT'S OKAY.
NOBODY KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN YOU FIGHT THE GAUNA.
THERE'S NOTHING YOU COULD'VE DONE.
WE WERE BORN TO FIGHT THE GAUNA, AFTER ALL.
IT'S SAD BUT IT DOESN'T HURT THAT MUCH.

PHOTOSYNTHESIS ROOM
GOOD WORK.
GOOD WORK.
HEY, I DON'T SEE ANY OF THE HONOKAS.
I WAS TOLD THEY WANTED TO BE LEFT ALONE WITH ALL THE SISTERS TOGETHER.
I SEE... THAT'S A SHAME, THEY ALL LOVE PHOTOSYNTHESIS...
....

CANTEEN
GOOD THING WE INSTALLED 'EM RIGHT!
YUP!
THEY ALL LOOKED SO HAPPY!
YOU GUYS COOKED THE WEEKLY MEAL?
THE AUTOMATIC COOKER IS BROKEN.
THEY'RE NOT COMING...
WE COOKED HONOKAS-SAN'S FAVORITE DISH...
IT WAS GOOD.
WHY DON'T YOU DELIVER IT TO THEM?
I'LL HELP WITH THE COOKING, TOO.

I HOPE THEY WILL LIKE THE TASTE...
ROLLING RAIL
ROLLING RAIL
ROLLING RAIL
FOODS
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SURE THEY WILL.
YEAH.
THEN WE SHOULD GET IT TO THEM FAST!!
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WAHAAAAAAI!!
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WAIT, TSUMUGI! DON'T PUSH IT SO HARD!!
WARNING
SHARP CURVE AHEAD
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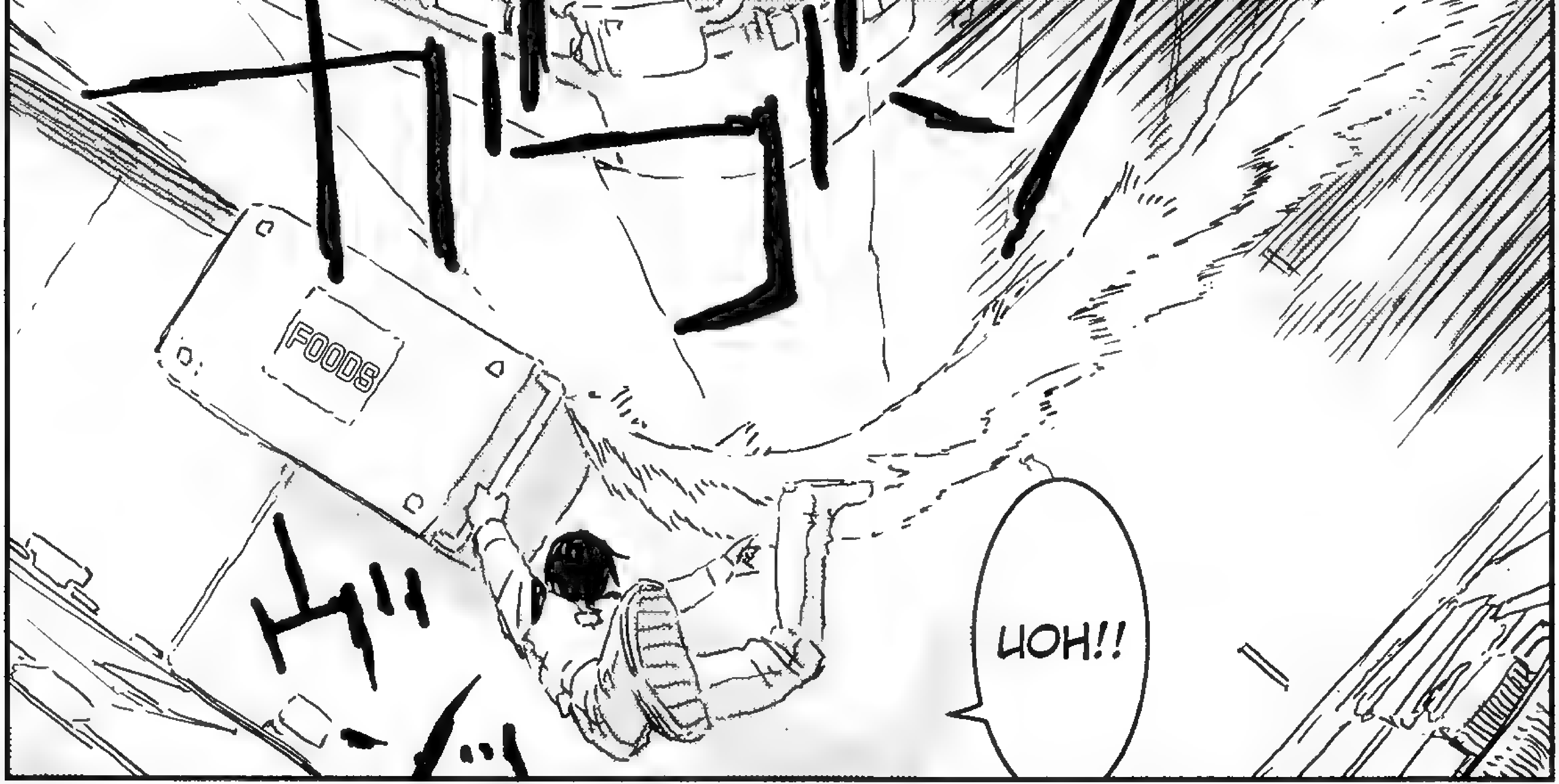
SFX: *GARORORORO* (ROLLING)

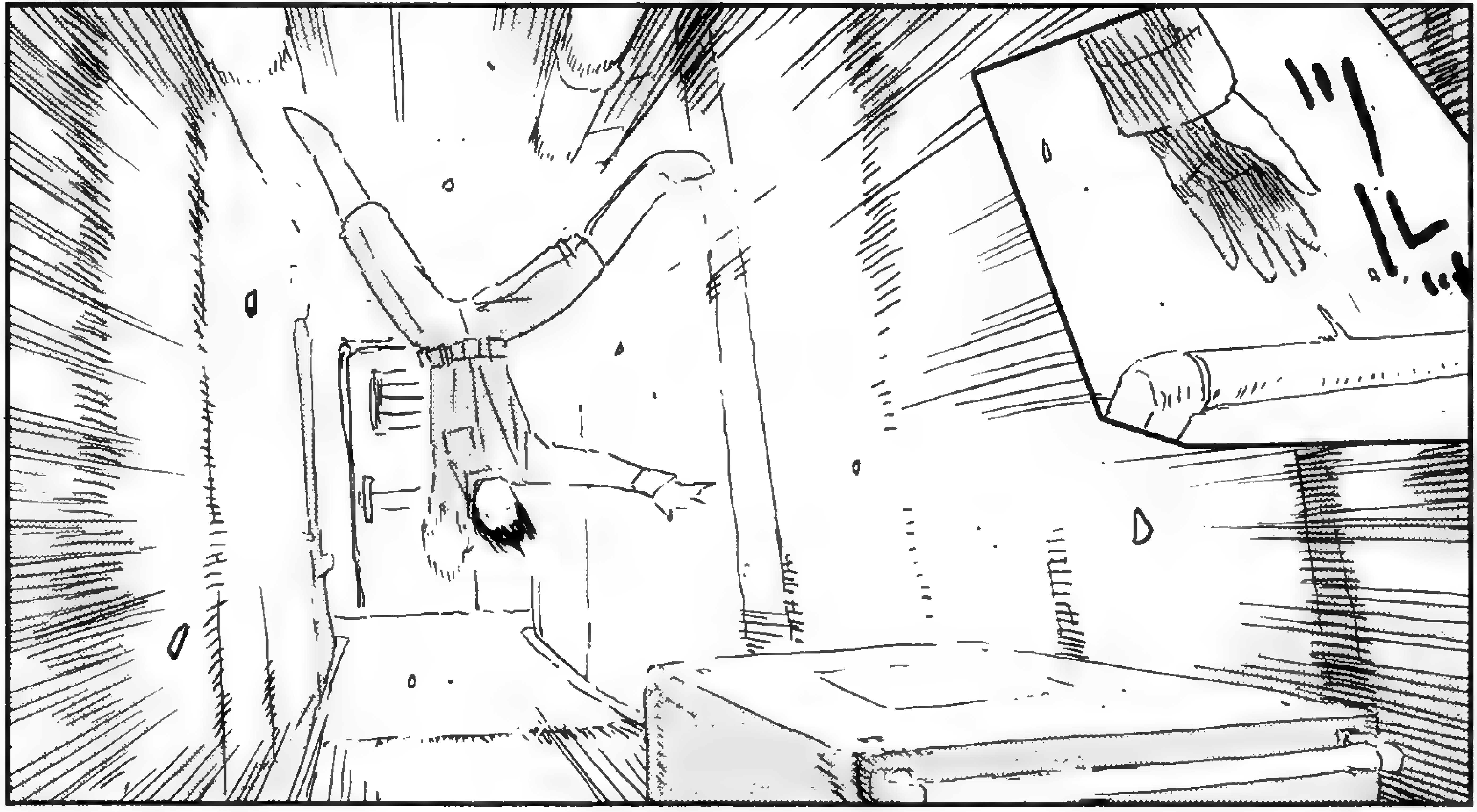
SFX: *GUI* (THRUST)

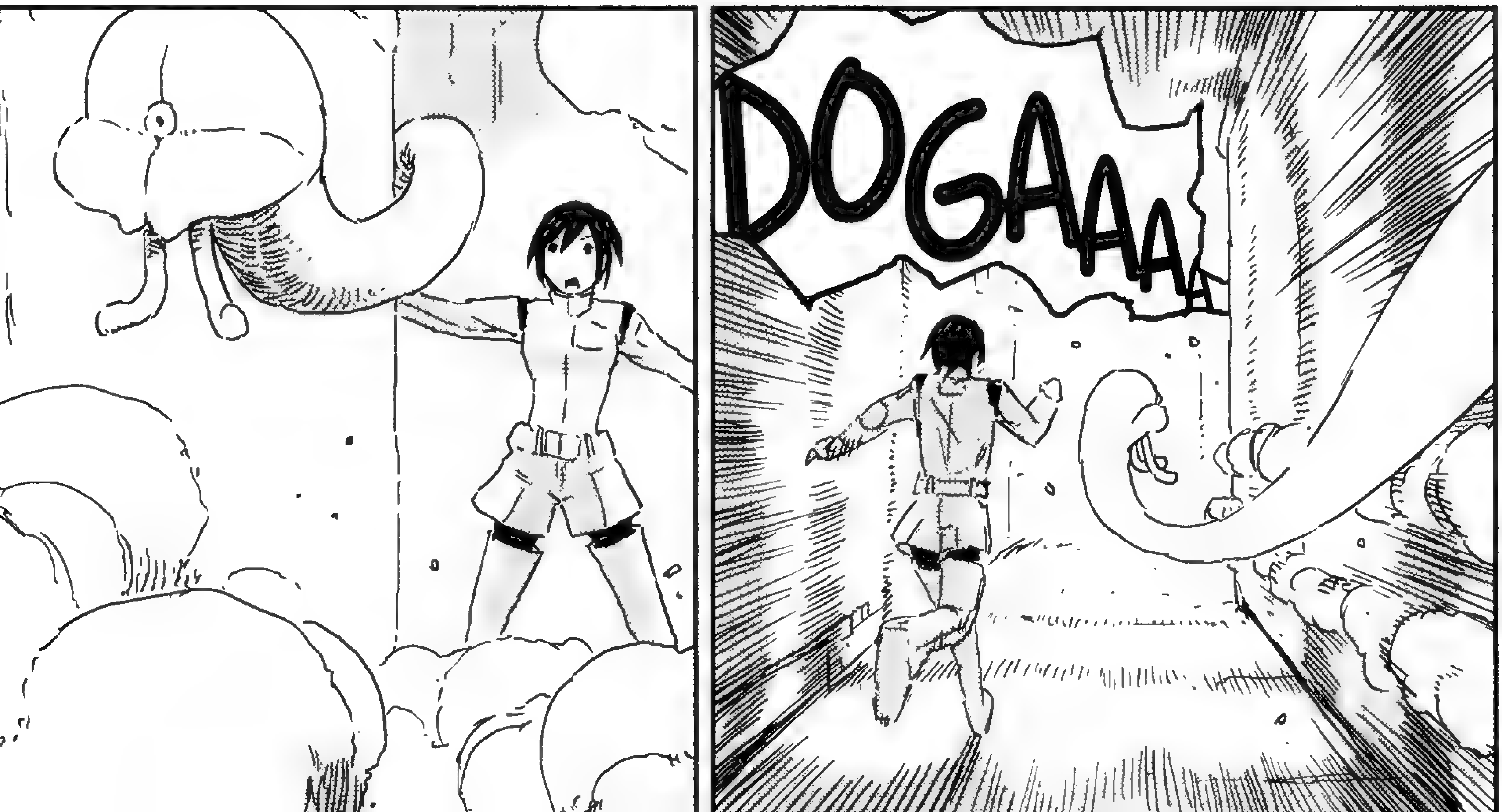
SFX: *RELEASE*

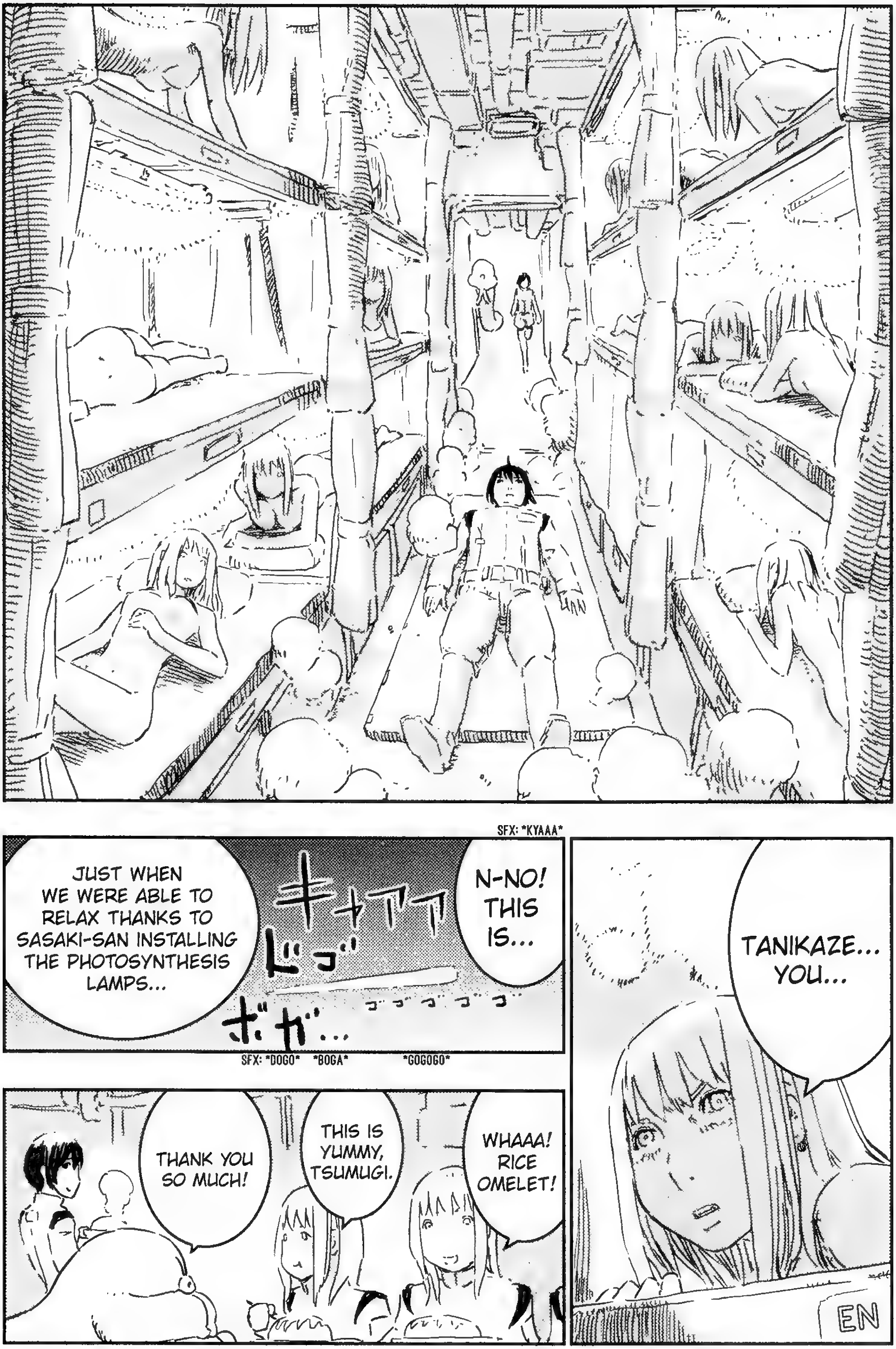


SFX: *VOOON* *GAGON*

SFX: *SLIP*






TANIKAZE... YOU...
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SFX: *KYAAA*
N-NO! THIS IS...
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JUST WHEN WE WERE ABLE TO RELAX THANKS TO SASAKI-SAN INSTALLING THE PHOTOSYNTHESIS LAMPS...
SFX: *DOGO* *BOGA* *GOGOGO*
WHAAA! RICE OMELET!
THIS IS YUMMY, TSUMUGI.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

CHAPTER 58 END

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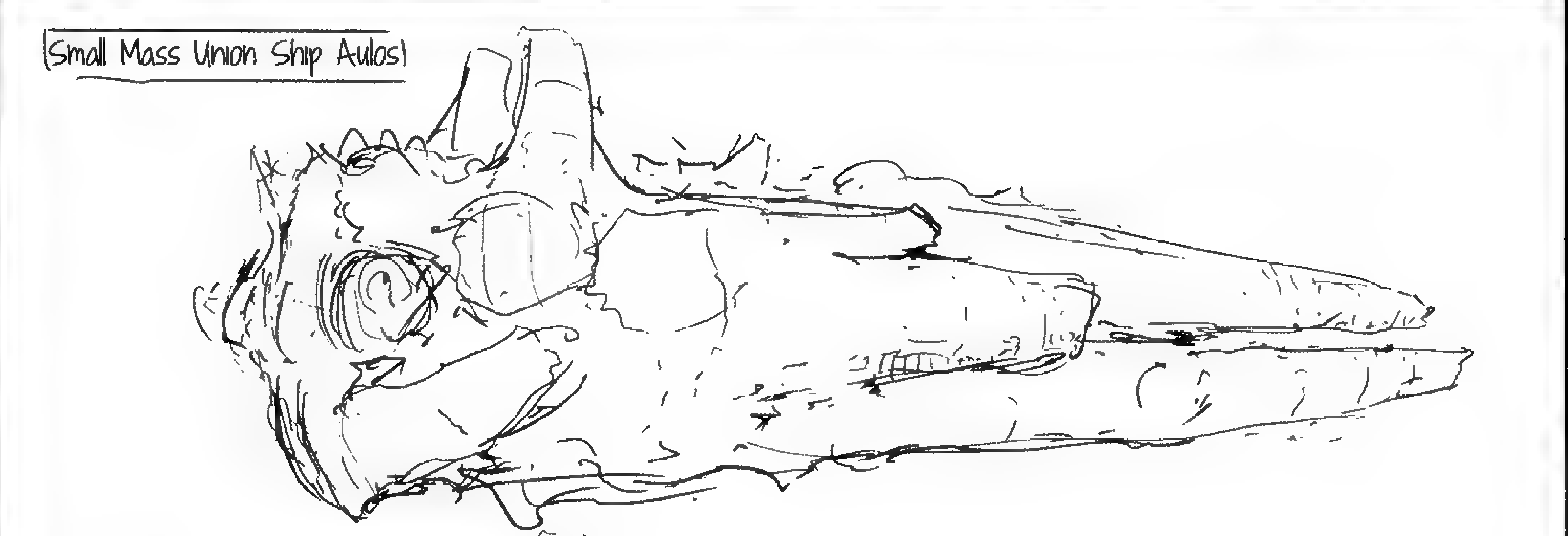
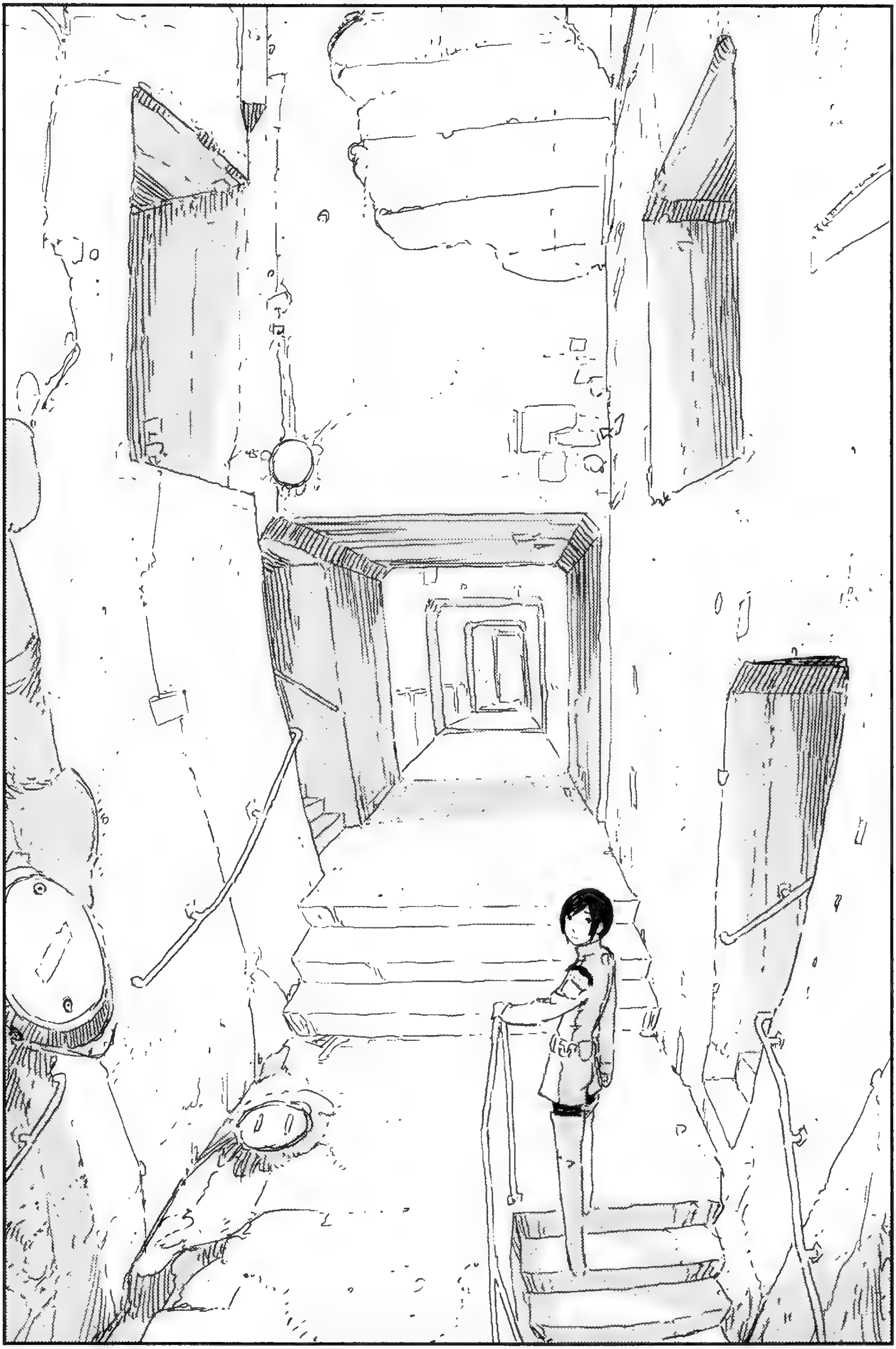
KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

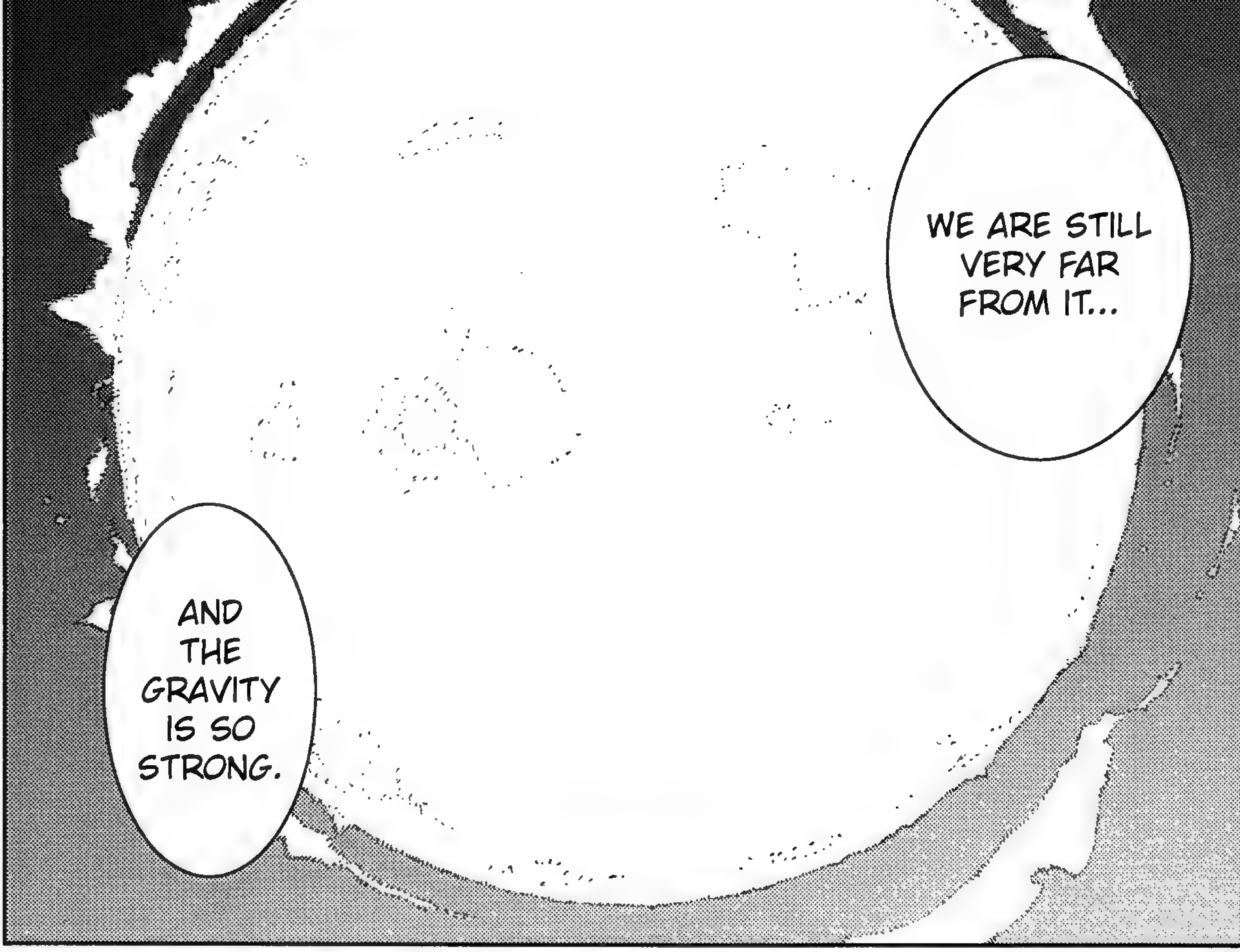

(Small Mass Union Ship Aulos)

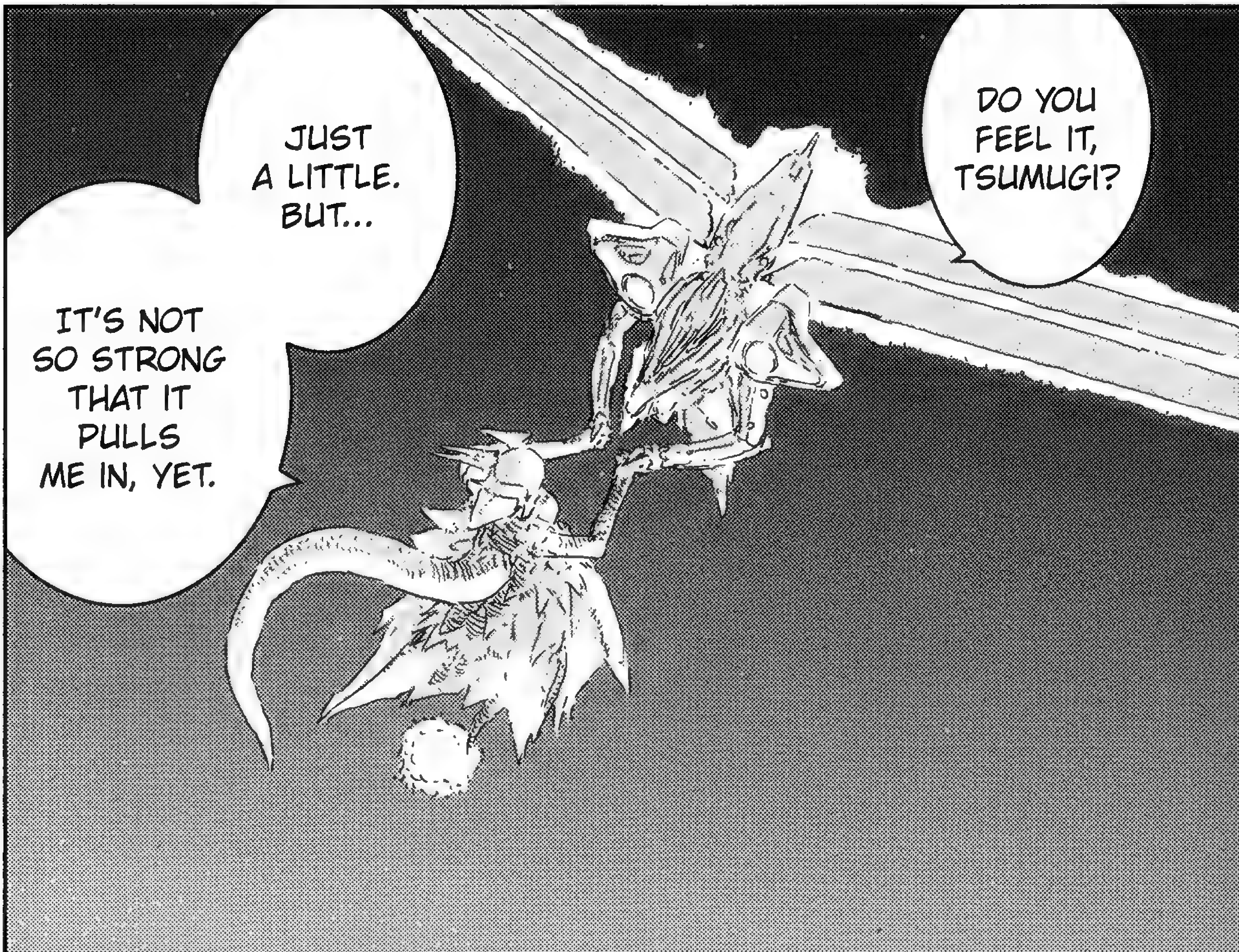
TL NOTE: AULOS WAS AN ANCIENT GREEK WIND INSTRUMENT

CHAPTER 59 THE GRAVITY OF THE STAR LEM



100 SIGHTS OF SIDONIA PART 45
WIND CHANNEL


WE ARE STILL VERY FAR FROM IT...
AND THE GRAVITY IS SO STRONG.


DO YOU FEEL IT, TSUMUGI?
JUST A LITTLE. BUT...
IT'S NOT SO STRONG THAT IT PULLS ME IN, YET.

RATHER... FUFU.
IT'S A BIT TICKLISH... HEHEHE.
TICKLISH?
YES, I FEEL TINGLES...
SHE FEELS RADIATION AND SOLAR WINDS.
CHIMERAS ARE INCREDIBLE.
YES...THEY'RE PROTECTED FROM ALL THESE PARTICLES WITH JUST A THIN LAYER OF THEIR BODY SURFACE.

NO ABNORMALITIES IN THE VAN ALLEN SHIELD ON THE TEST UNIT.
BOTH THE UNIT AND PILOT ARE CURRENTLY SAFE.
WE'VE GOT ALL THE DATA WE NEEDED, CAPTAIN.
VERY WELL, THEN LET'S CALL THIS STAR APPROACH TEST OVER.
TANIKAZE, TSUMUGI, RETURN TO THE SHIP.
ROGER.
ROGER, MA'AM.
SFX: "GOGOGOGO"
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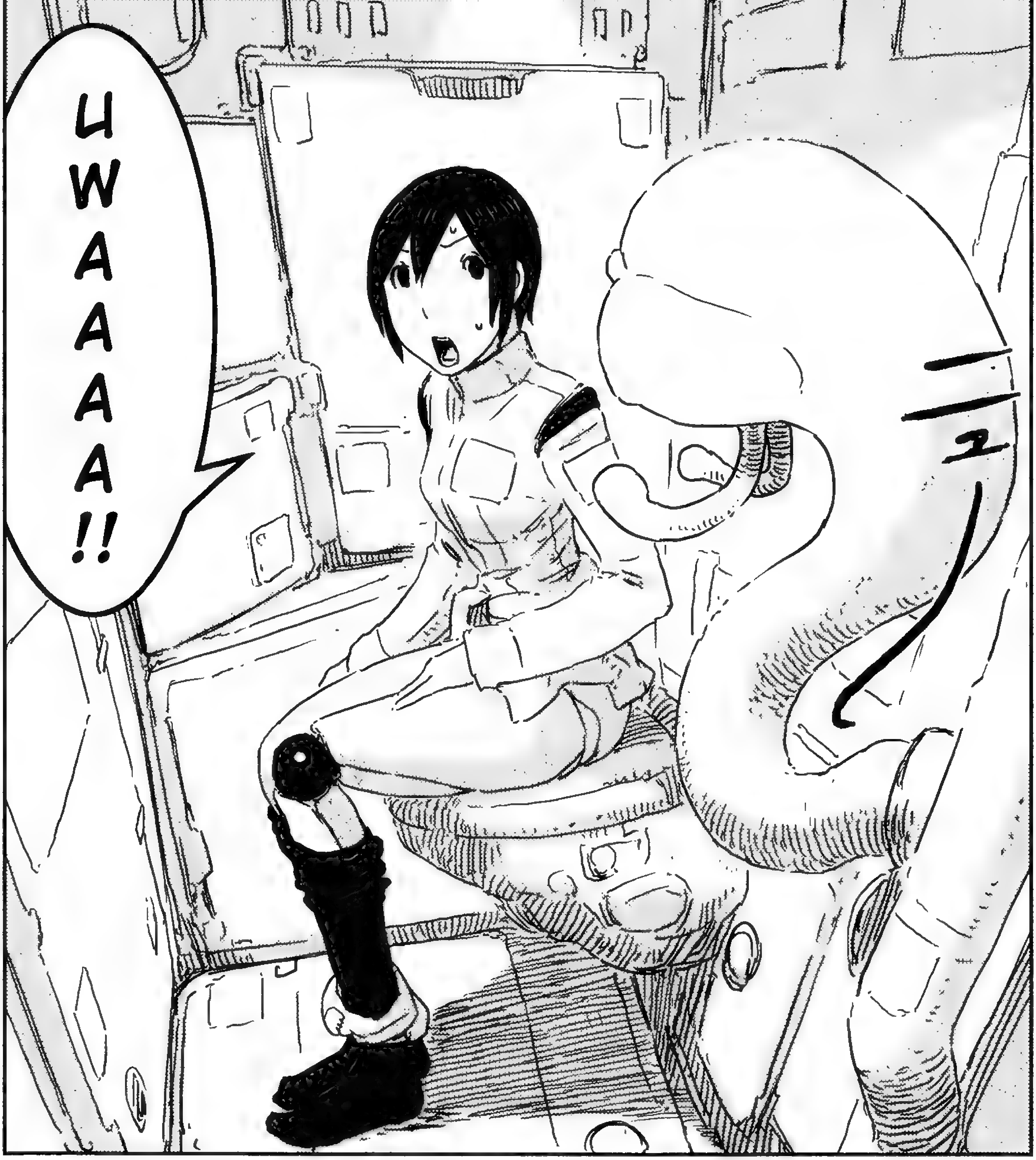
GOOD WORK.
HEY, TANIKAZE.
HM?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR FACE?
AH, THIS IS... WELL...
HE GOT A HARD PUNCH FROM EN-ONEESAN.
H-HONOKA!
HE BROKE INTO OUR ROOM TRYING TO TAKE A PEEK AT US PHOTOSYNTHESIZING.
WHAT...?

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT TANIKAZE?
AH, I WAS GOING TOO FAST, I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF.
WHAT...! THEN, THE ONE WHO PEEKED ON US IN THE PHOTOSYNTHESIS ROOM BACK THEN... WAS THAT... YOU!?
EH!! NO, THAT WAS...
SFX: *GONG*
NOW NOW, SAMARI,
IT'S ALREADY SETTLED. JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.
SFX: *PAT PAT*
I AM NOT GOING TO FORGET IT!!!
SFX: *BIKU* (STARTLED)
I'M GOING TO RESTART THE INVESTIGATION. YOU'D BETTER BE READY FOR IT, TANIKAZE!!
SFX: *GUGUGU* (PUSH)
THIS IS BAD. JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I COULD SMOOTH IT OVER...
I'VE GOT TO DISTRACT HER...

THE 1ST
MIZUKI CREW POPULARITY CONTEST
VOTE FOR THE PERSON YOU LIKE!
THE RESULTS WILL BE UPDATED ONCE A DAY UNTIL THE DEADLINE
EVERYONE'S ACTING STRANGE TODAY, AREN'T THEY?
I DON'T KNOW WHO IT WAS. BUT SOMEONE SET UP A POPULARITY CONTEST.
RIDICULOUS! THEY SHOULD BE SPENDING THEIR TIME ON VIRTUAL TRAINING INSTEAD OF THAT.
TRUE.
BEEP
BEEP

SEII'S RANKED PRETTY HIGH UP!
HEY! HAVE A LOOK, SAMARI!!
INTERIM REPORT
TOP 1 AMONG MEN
TOP 1 AMO WOMEN
I COULDN'T CARE LESS.
YOU ARE THE MOST POPULAR AMONG THE GUYS.
HERE.
I-I SAID I DON'T CARE.
ABOUT SUCH A THING...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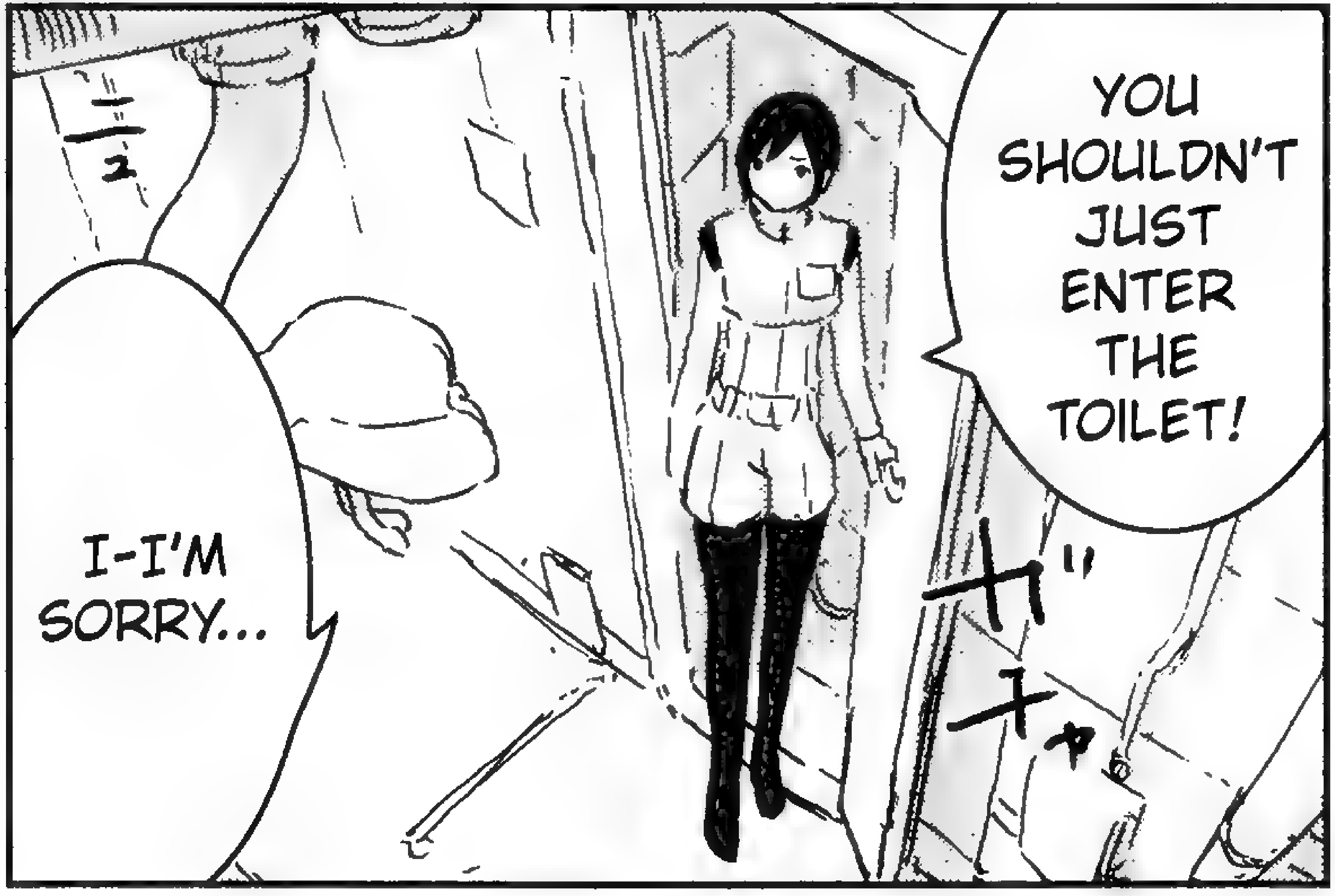
SFX: *NYU*

SFX: *GATCHA*


YOU SHOULDN'T JUST ENTER THE TOILET!
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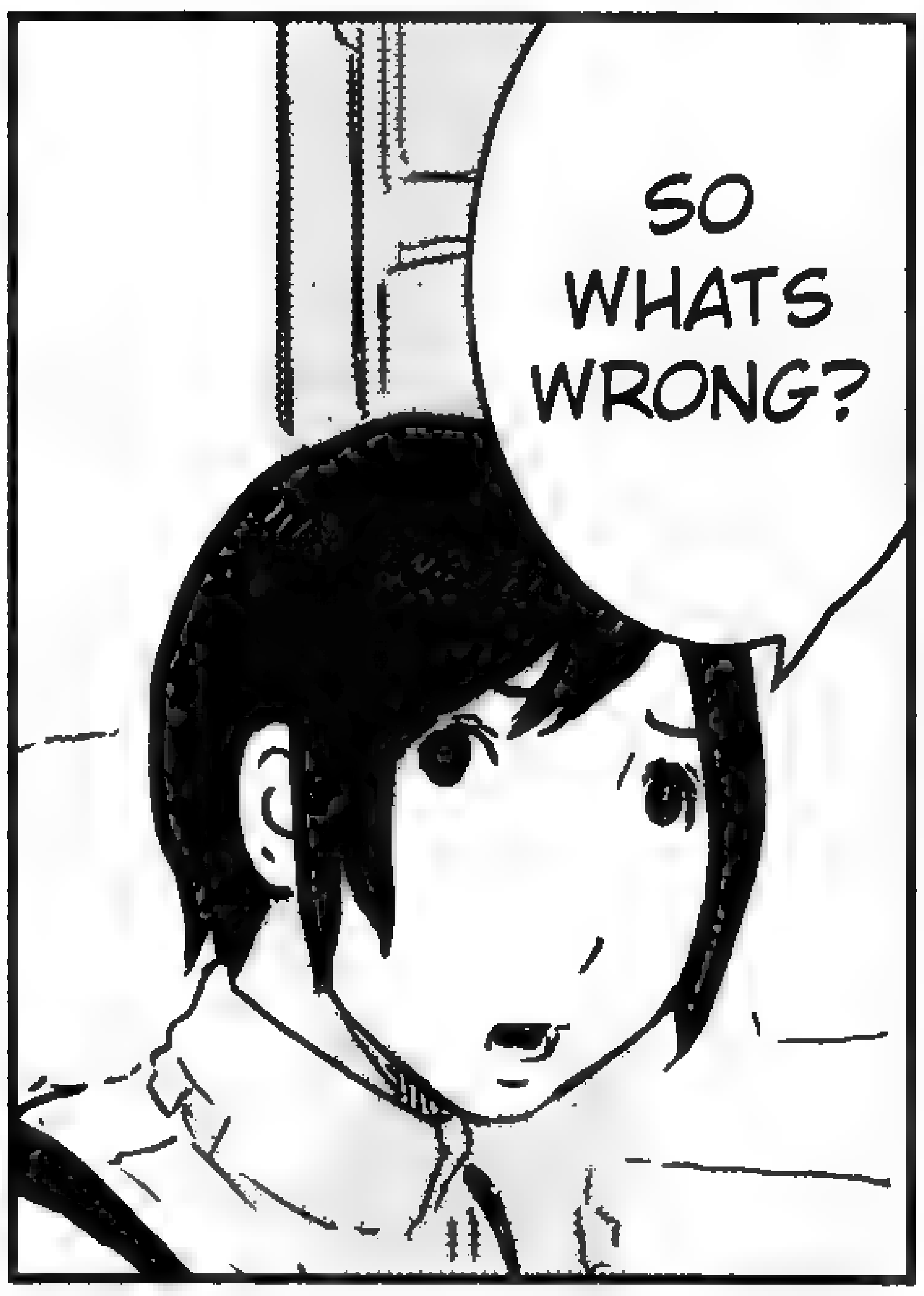
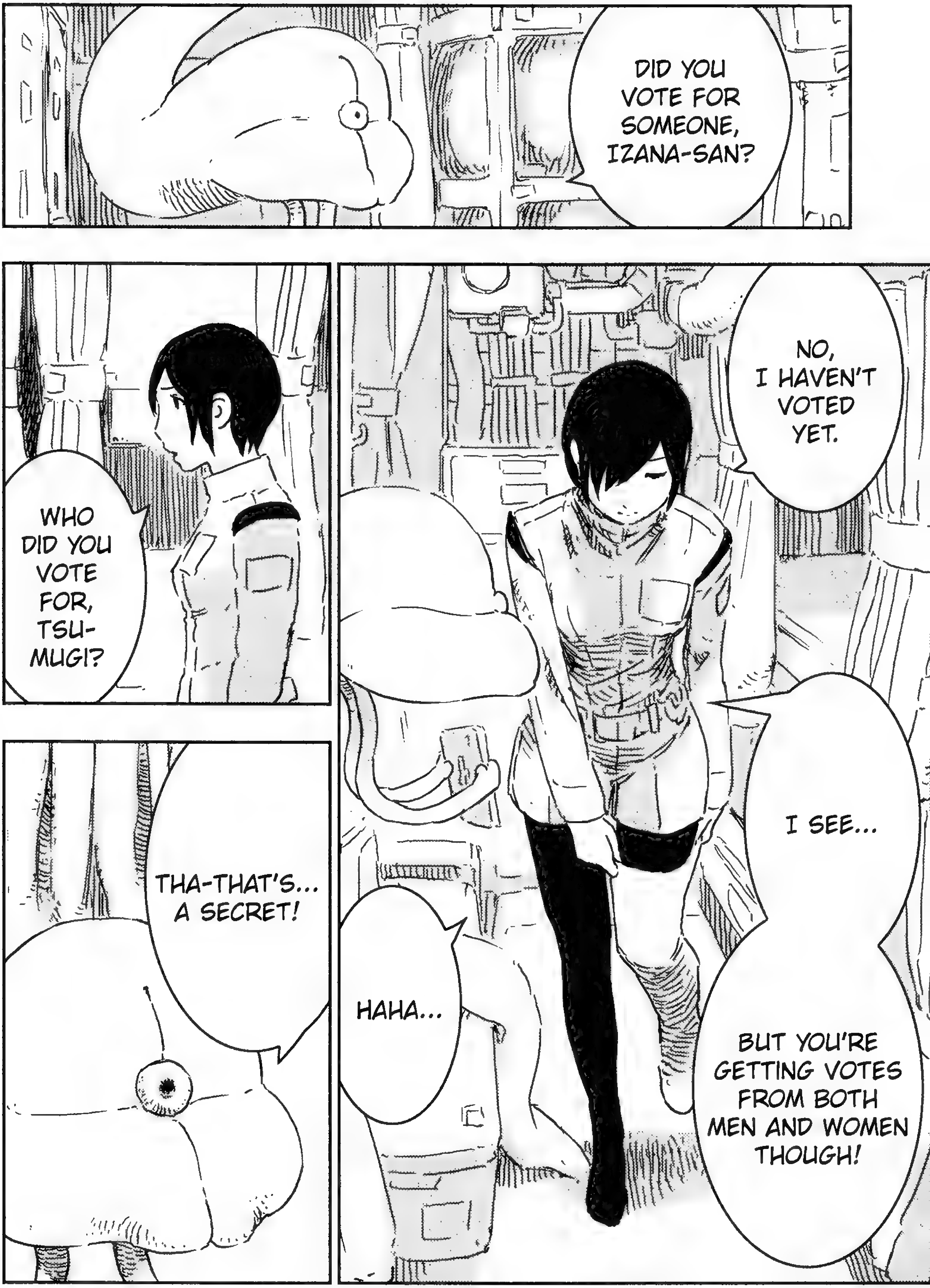
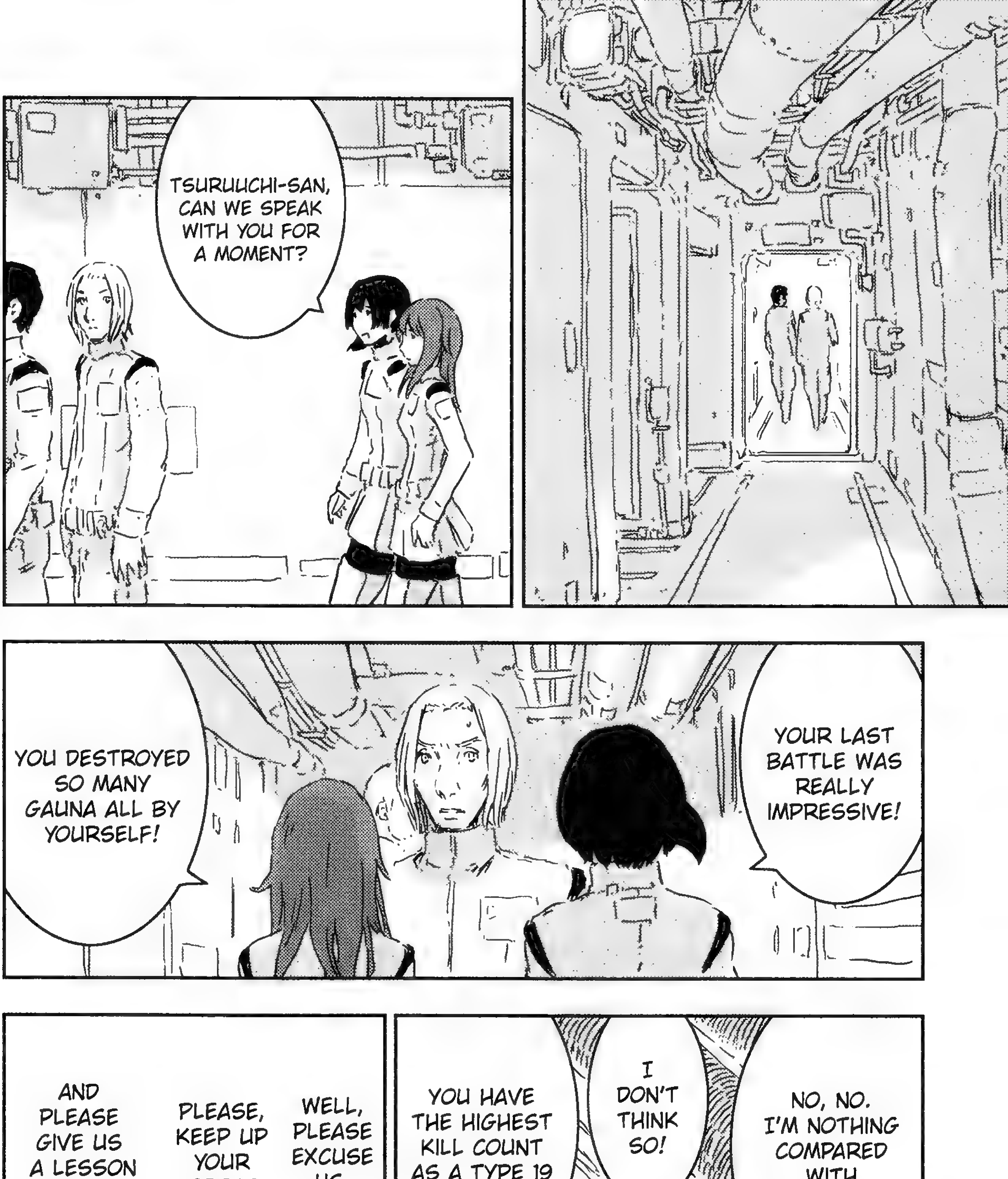
I-I'M SORRY...


SO WHATS WRONG?


DID YOU VOTE FOR SOMEONE, IZANA-SAN?
NO, I HAVEN'T VOTED YET.
I SEE...
BUT YOU'RE GETTING VOTES FROM BOTH MEN AND WOMEN THOUGH!
HAHA...
WHO DID YOU VOTE FOR, TSUMUGI?
THA-THAT'S... A SECRET!

POPULARITY CONTEST!?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? EVERYBODY IS EXCITED ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW.
I'M WAY TOO BUSY TO BE CARING ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT. YOU GUYS REALLY ARE CAREFREE, I'M ALMOST JEALOUS...
WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A DANGEROUS MISSION. I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT, EITHER! DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH THEM!
MEN AND WOMEN LUST FOR EACH OTHER LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW, EXACTLY BECAUSE THEY'RE IN A SITUATION WHERE THEIR LIFE IS IN DANGER.
YOU ALL JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND...


TSURUUCHI-SAN, CAN WE SPEAK WITH YOU FOR A MOMENT?
YOUR LAST BATTLE WAS REALLY IMPRESSIVE!
YOU DESTROYED SO MANY GAUNA ALL BY YOURSELF!
NO, NO. I'M NOTHING COMPARED WITH TANIKAZE AND TSUMUGI.
I DON'T THINK SO!
YOU HAVE THE HIGHEST KILL COUNT AS A TYPE 19 PILOT.
O-OH.
WELL, PLEASE EXCUSE US.
PLEASE, KEEP UP YOUR GREAT WORK!
AND PLEASE GIVE US A LESSON IN VIRTUAL TRAINING SOME TIME!

S-SURE!
WHAT, SO YOU HAVE YOUR FANS AFTER ALL.
OH IT'S TANIKAZE.
!
I HEARD HE BROKE INTO THE HONOKAS' ROOM AND SAW THEM NAKED.
UWA... MAYBE THE CULPRIT OF THE VOYEUR INCIDENT IS THAT GUY.
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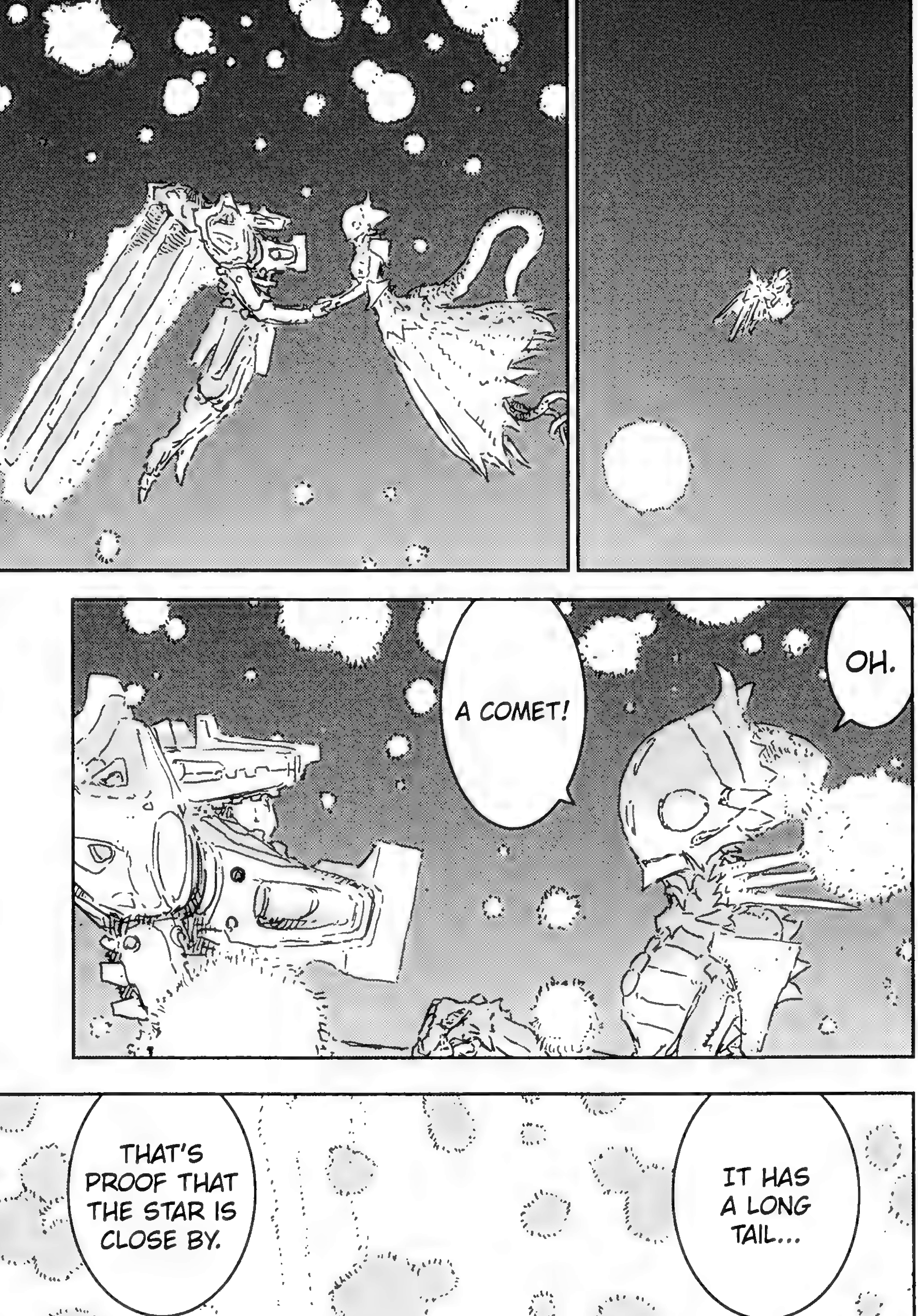
HAHAHAHAHA
BUT YOU PROBABLY WON'T DO WELL IN THE POPULARITY CONTEST RANKINGS THOUGH.
TANI-KAZE,
DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU. SOON NO ONE WILL REMEMBER THAT.
YEAH...
WHAT?
THEY'RE TALKING AS IF NAGATE'S GUILTY FOR SURE...
CRUSH

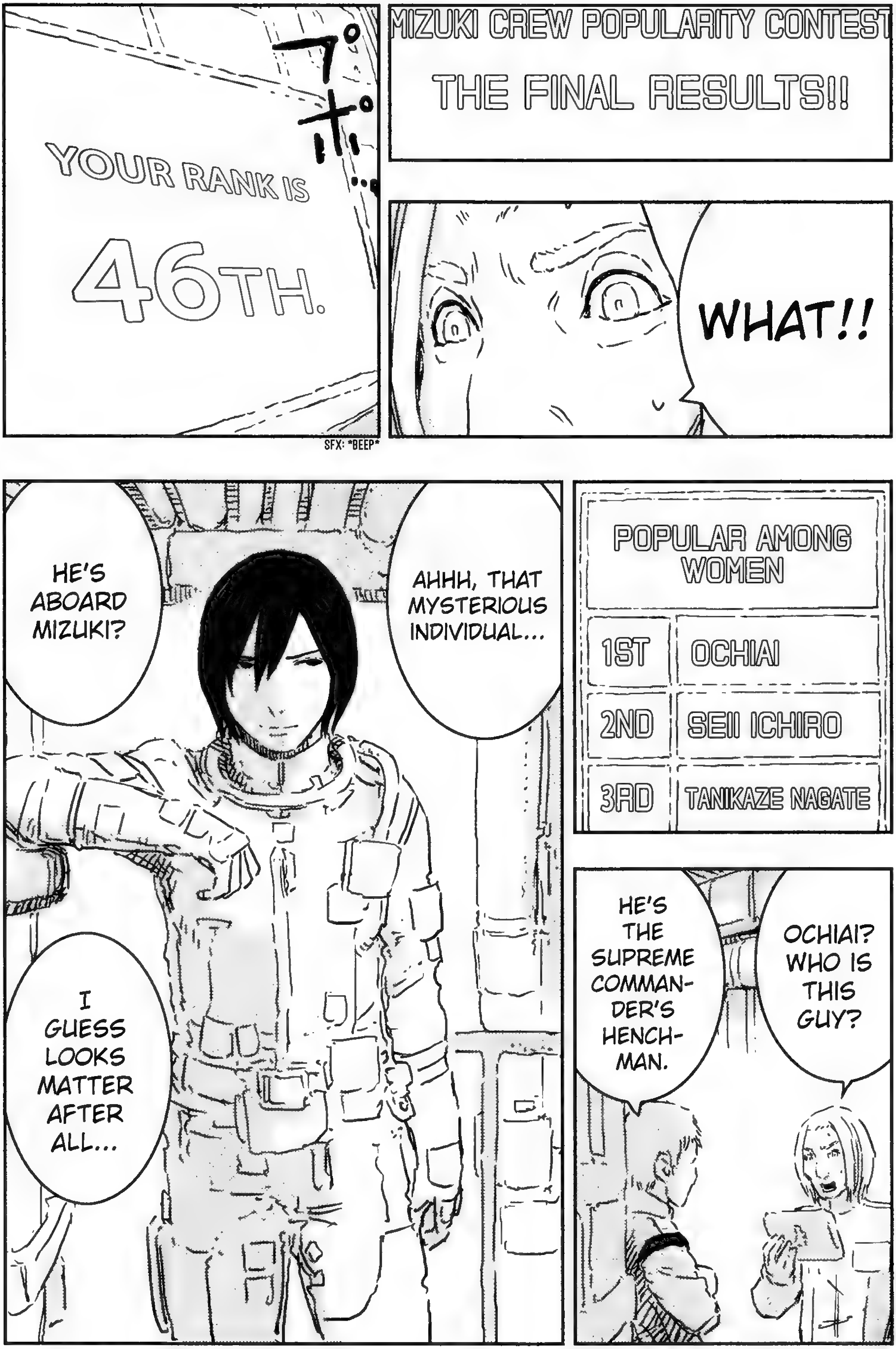

OH.
A COMET!
IT HAS A LONG TAIL...
THAT'S PROOF THAT THE STAR IS CLOSE BY.

IT'S BEAUTIFUL...

THROB
WHAT!?
WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU OKAY?
I-IT'S NOTHING!
BUT IT'S A BIG SOUND. ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE FINE?
PILOT TANIKAZE IS TREMENDOUSLY DENSE, ISN'T HE...
AS IS OFTEN THE CASE WITH THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE EXTREMELY TALENTED IN SOME ASPECTS...
I'M NOT THAT DENSE.
......
IT'S NOTHING, REALLY!

SFX: *THROB*

SFX: *THROB* *THROB*


MIZUKI CREW POPULARITY CONTEST
THE FINAL RESULTS!!
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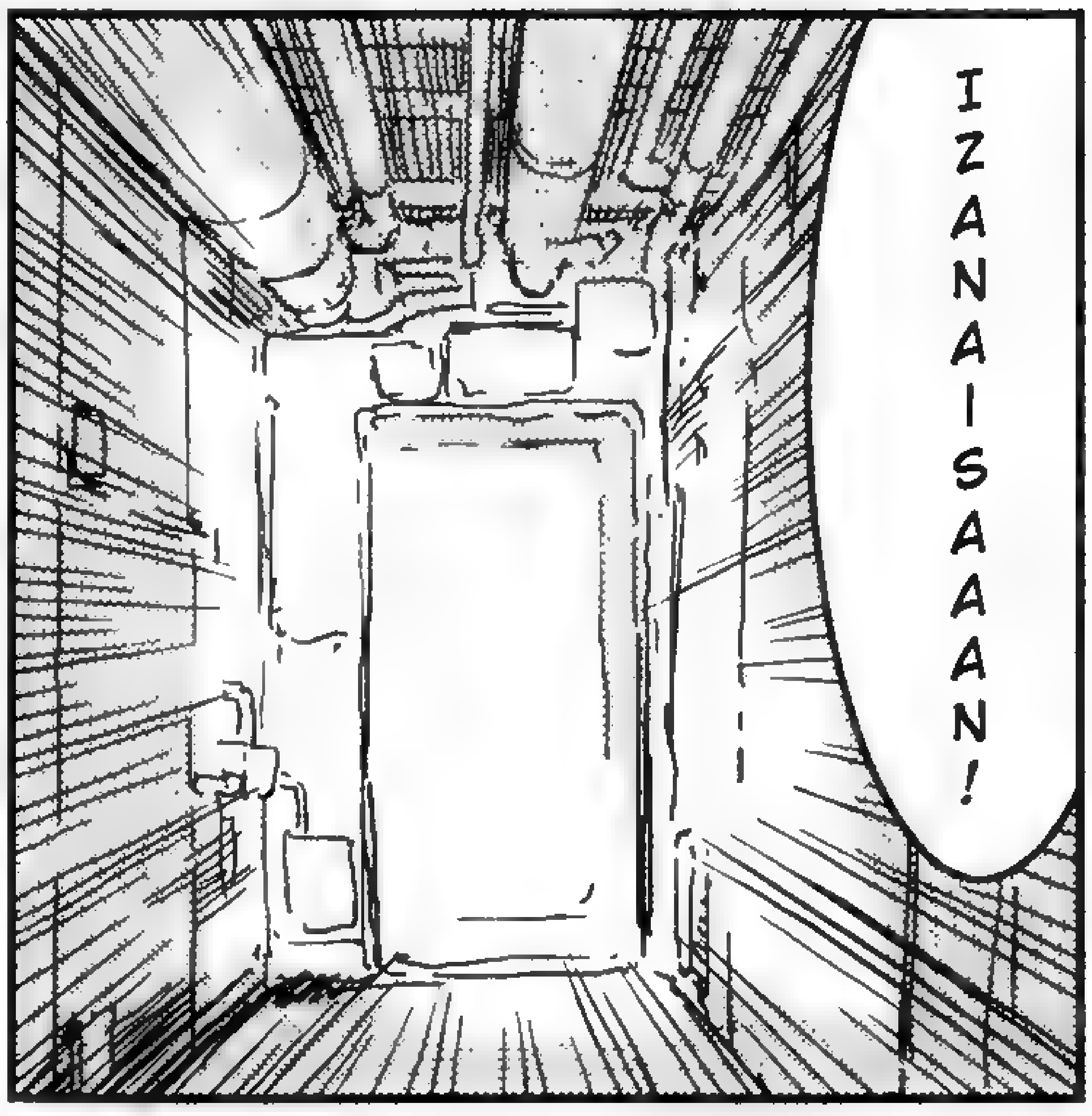
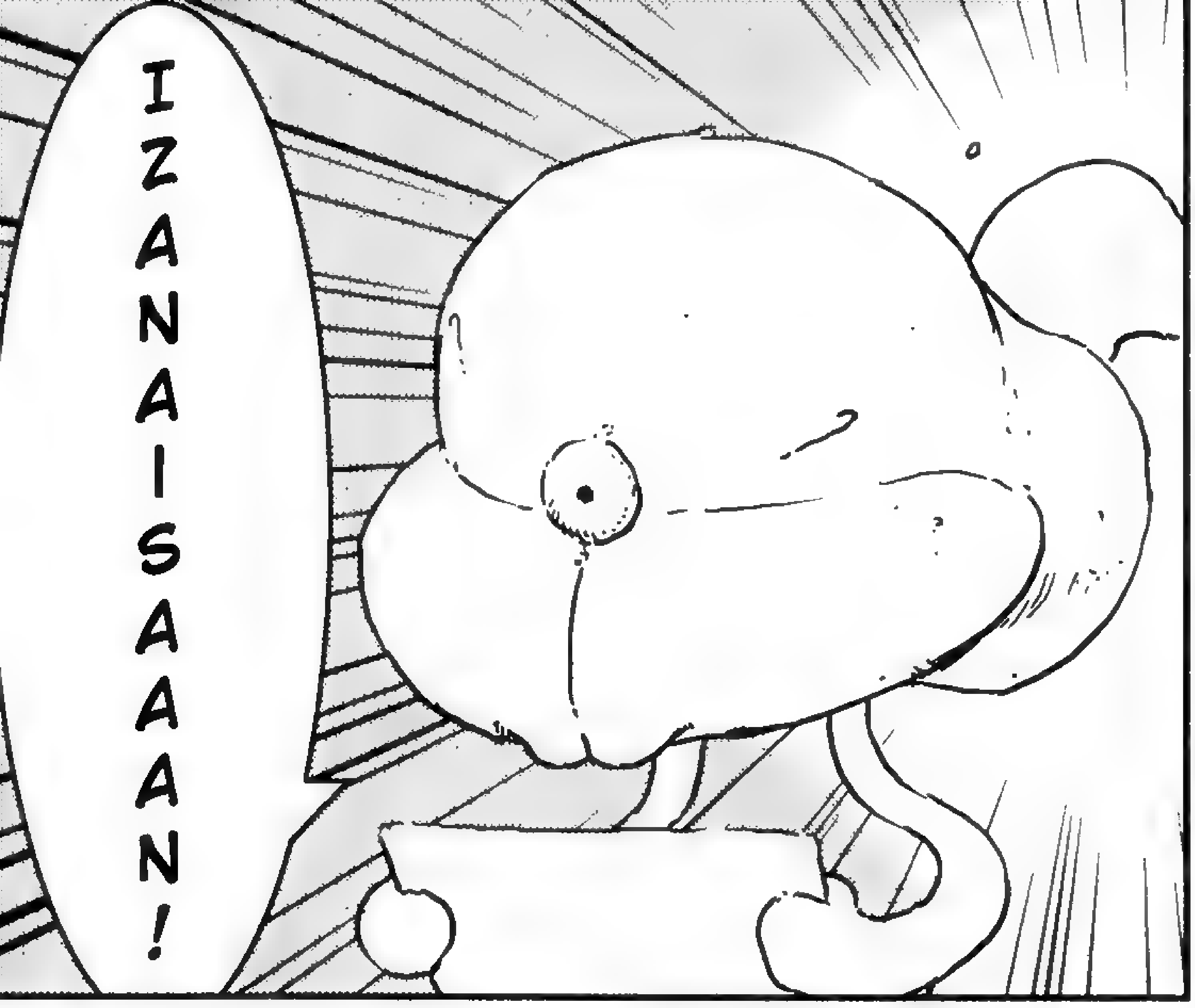
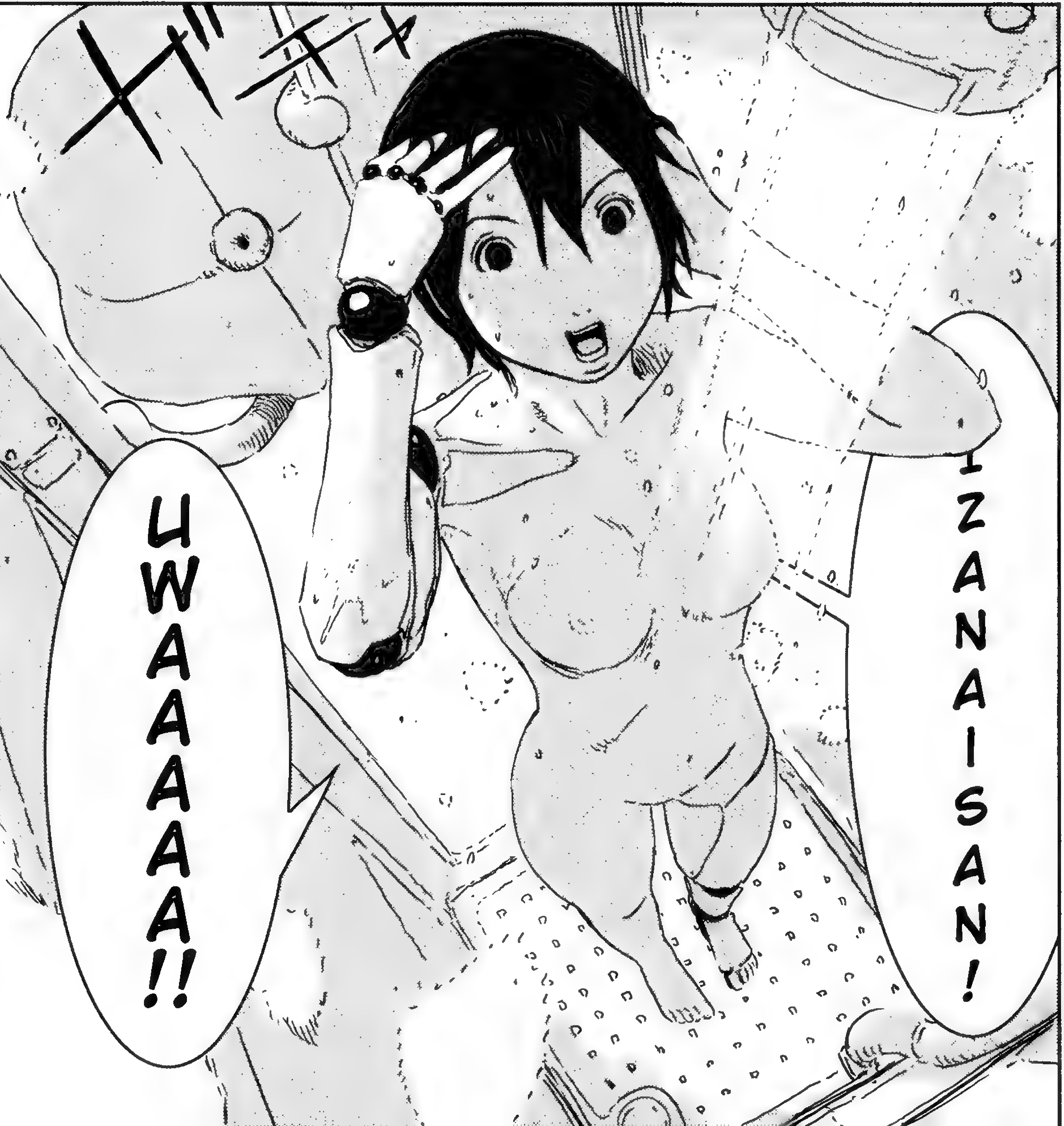
YOUR RANK IS 46TH.
SFX: *BEEP*
WHAT!!
POPULAR AMONG WOMEN
1ST OCHIAI
2ND SEII ICHIRO
3RD TANIKAZE NAGATE
OCHIAI? WHO IS THIS GUY?
HE'S THE SUPREME COMMANDER'S HENCHMAN.
AHHH, THAT MYSTERIOUS INDIVIDUAL...
HE'S ABOARD MIZUKI?
I GUESS LOOKS MATTER AFTER ALL...


IZANAISAAAAN!


IZANAISAAAAAN!

SFX: *GATCHA* (OPEN)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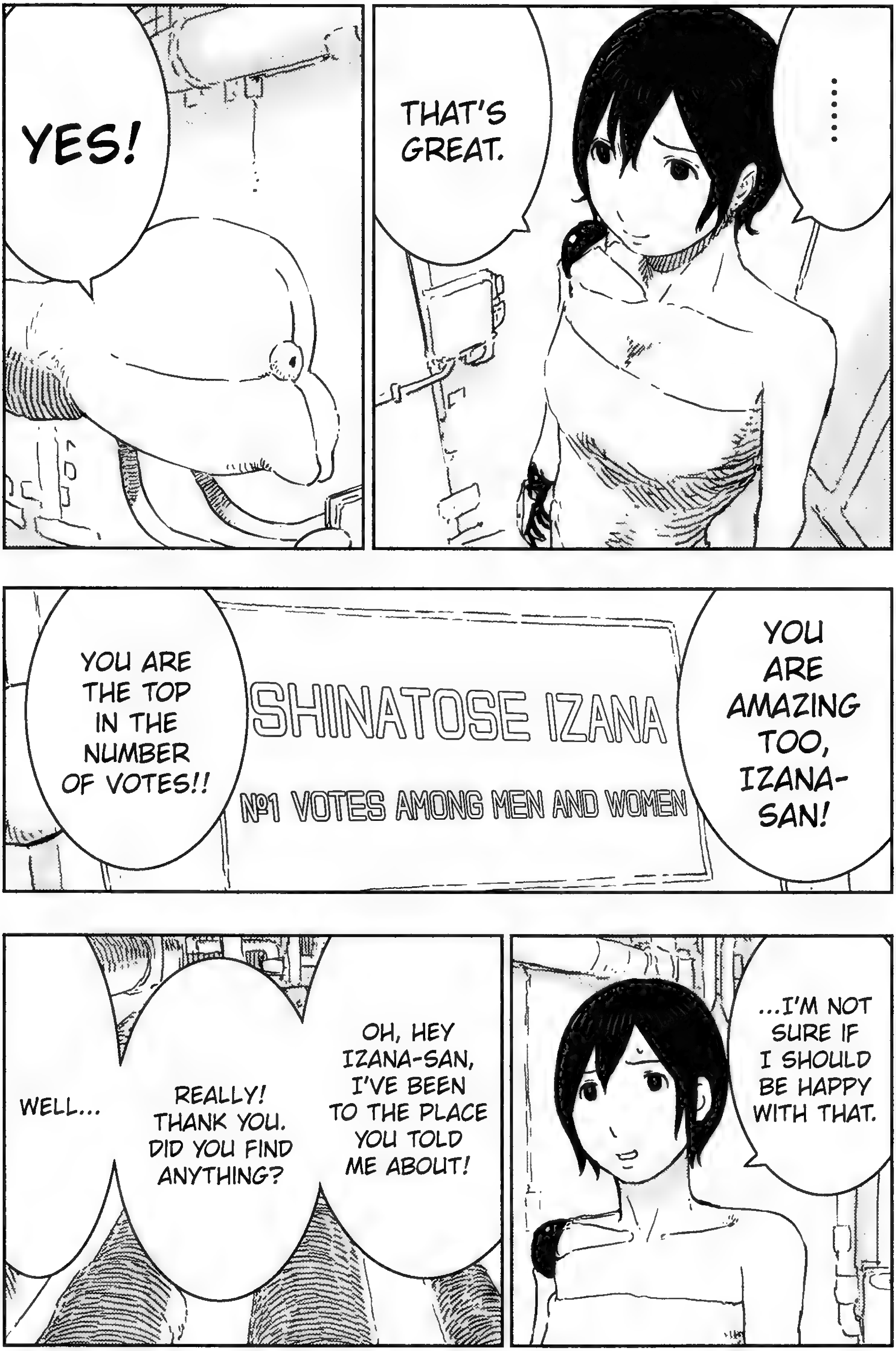
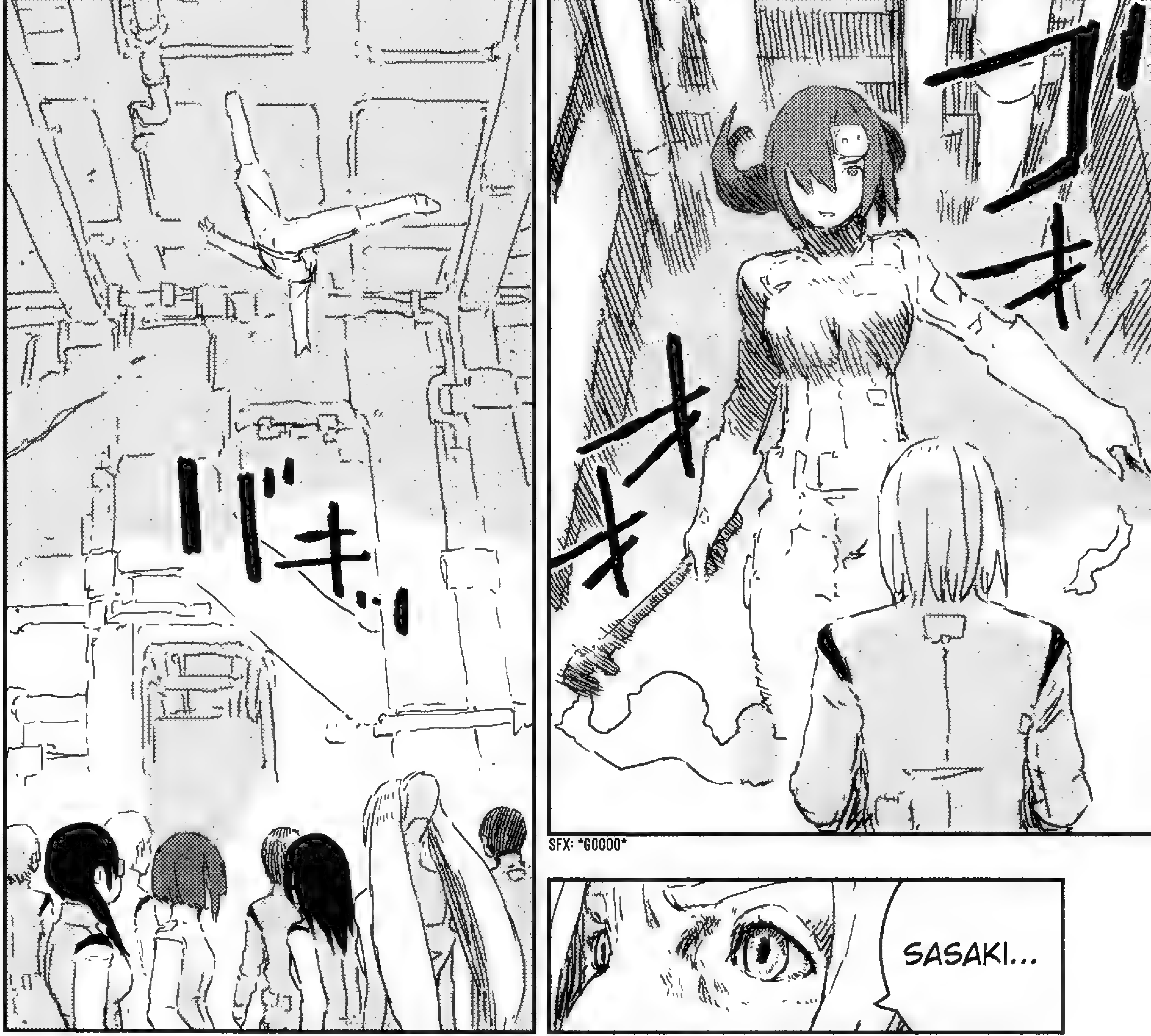
IZANAISAN!
UWAAAAAAAA!!

GEEZ, WHAT IS IT...?
LOOK!!
SOMEONE VOTED FOR ME!
SHIRAUI TSUMUGI-SAN
NUMBER OF VOTES: 1


……
THAT'S GREAT.
YES!
YOU ARE AMAZING TOO, IZANA-SAN!
SHINATOSE IZANA
№1 VOTES AMONG MEN AND WOMEN
YOU ARE THE TOP IN THE NUMBER OF VOTES!!
...I'M NOT SURE IF I SHOULD BE HAPPY WITH THAT.
OH, HEY IZANA-SAN, I'VE BEEN TO THE PLACE YOU TOLD ME ABOUT!
REALLY! THANK YOU. DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?
WELL...

POPULAR AMONG BOYS
1ST ICHIGAYA TERURU
2ND SAMARI ITTAN
3RD HONOKA SISTERS
4TH MIDORIKAWA YUHATA
5TH SASAKI
1ST PLACE GOES TO AN ARTIFICIAL LIFEFORM...
..."SISTERS"?
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE WAY THEY'RE COUNTING THIS.
I GET THE FEELING THE GUYS ARE STARING AT ME WAY TOO MUCH!
SERIOUSLY, STOP IT! IT'S REALLY GROSSING ME OUT.
NO NO NO, YOU ARE DEFINITELY DOING THAT ON PURPOSE.
市

WHAT'RE YOU DOING DRESSED LIKE THAT?!
DON'T BE JEALOUS JUST BECAUSE I CAME IN 1ST.
I DON'T CARE WHO CAME WHERE!
NOW NOW, CALM DOWN BOTH OF YOU.
BUT MAN.
I DON'T GET WHY SASAKI GOT RANKED 5TH.
SO SOME PEOPLE REALLY VOTED FOR THAT WOMAN. THAT'S BEYOND ME.
YOU!!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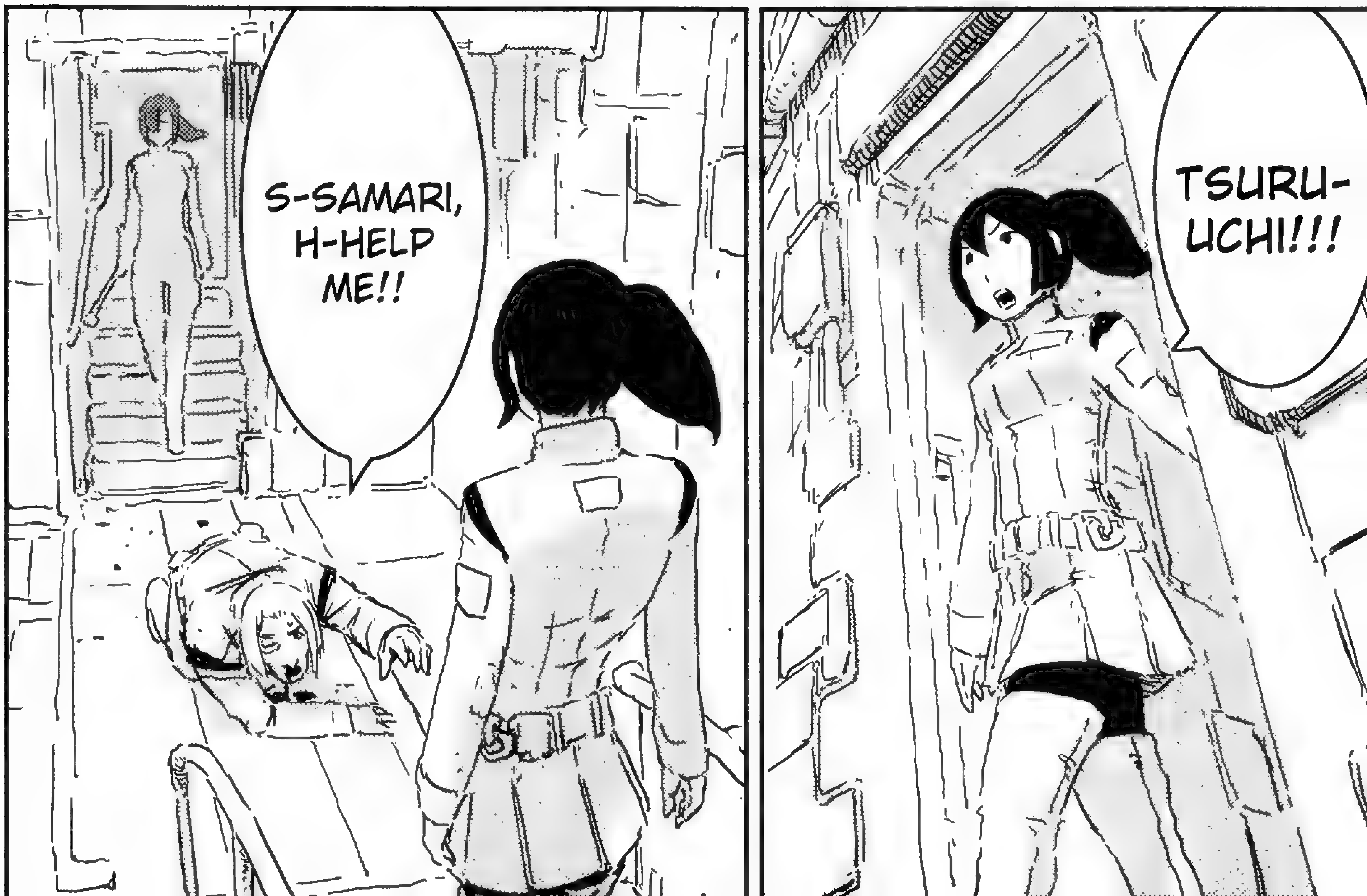
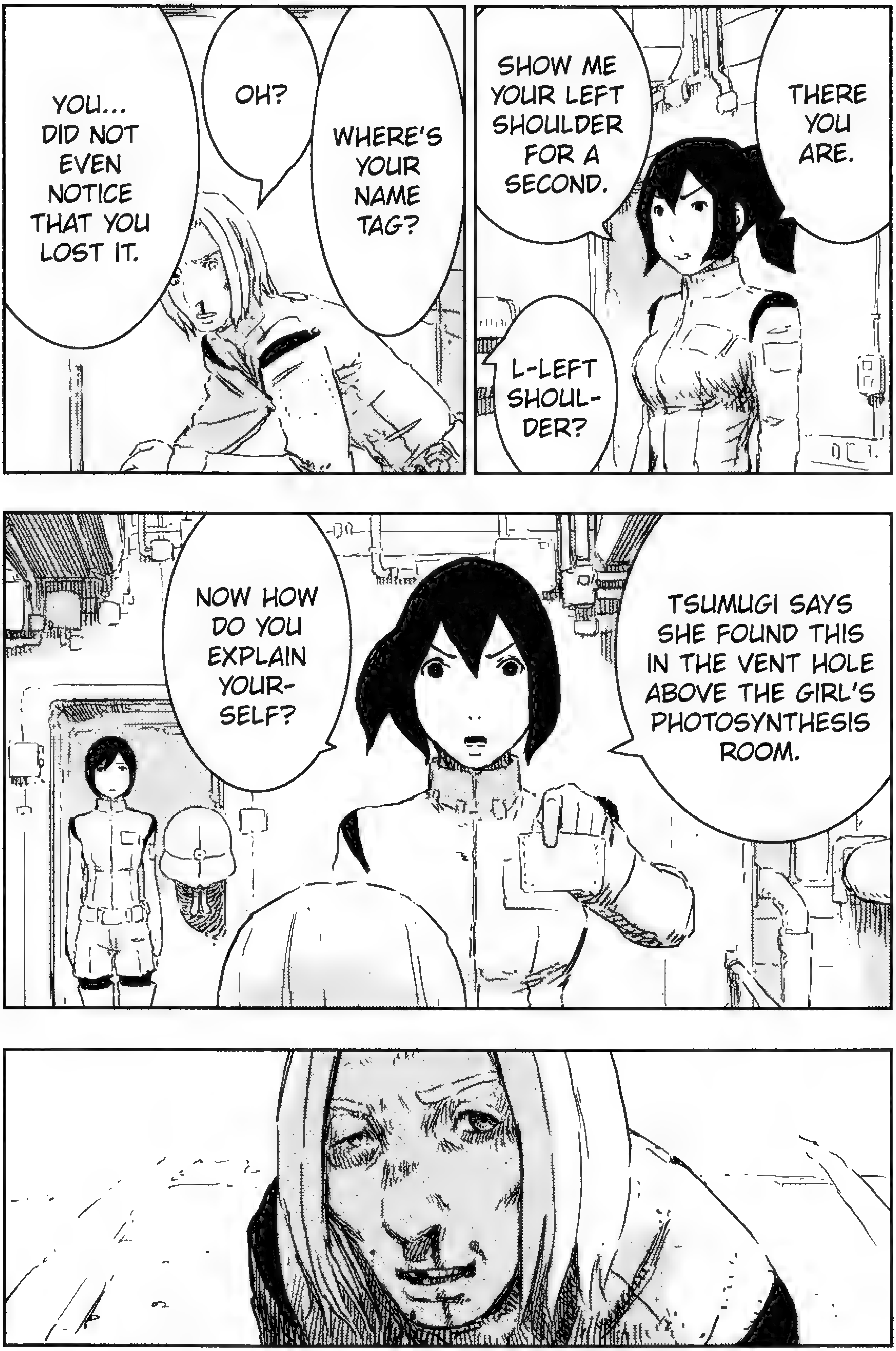
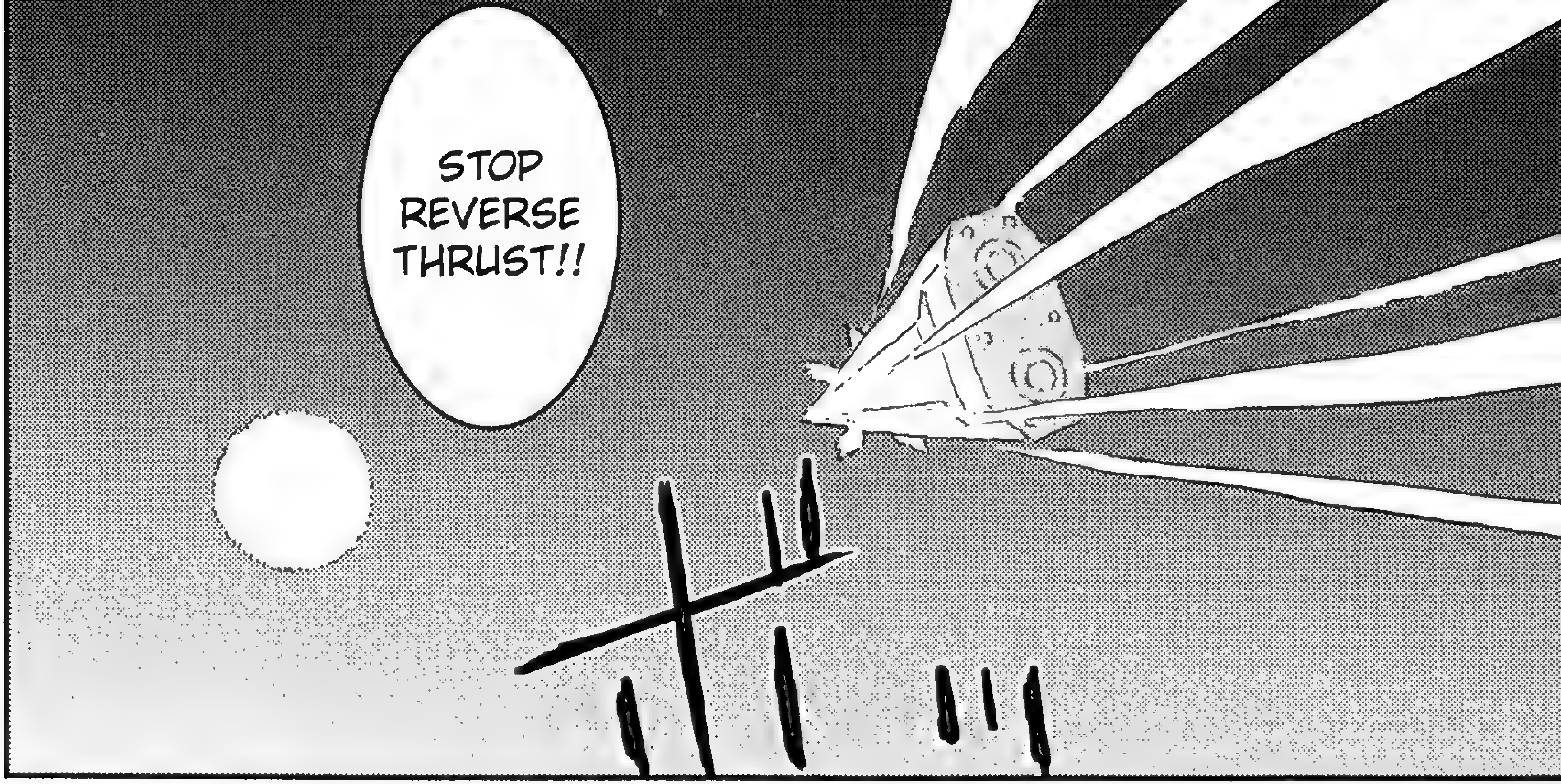
SASAKI...
バキ...

SFX: *GOOOO*

SFX: *BAKI*


TSURU-UCHI!!!
S-SAMARI, H-HELP ME!!


THERE YOU ARE.
SHOW ME YOUR LEFT SHOULDER FOR A SECOND.
L-LEFT SHOULDER?
WHERE'S YOUR NAME TAG?
OH?
YOU... DID NOT EVEN NOTICE THAT YOU LOST IT.
TSUMUGI SAYS SHE FOUND THIS IN THE VENT HOLE ABOVE THE GIRL'S PHOTOSYNTHESIS ROOM.
NOW HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN YOURSELF?


STOP REVERSE THRUST!!
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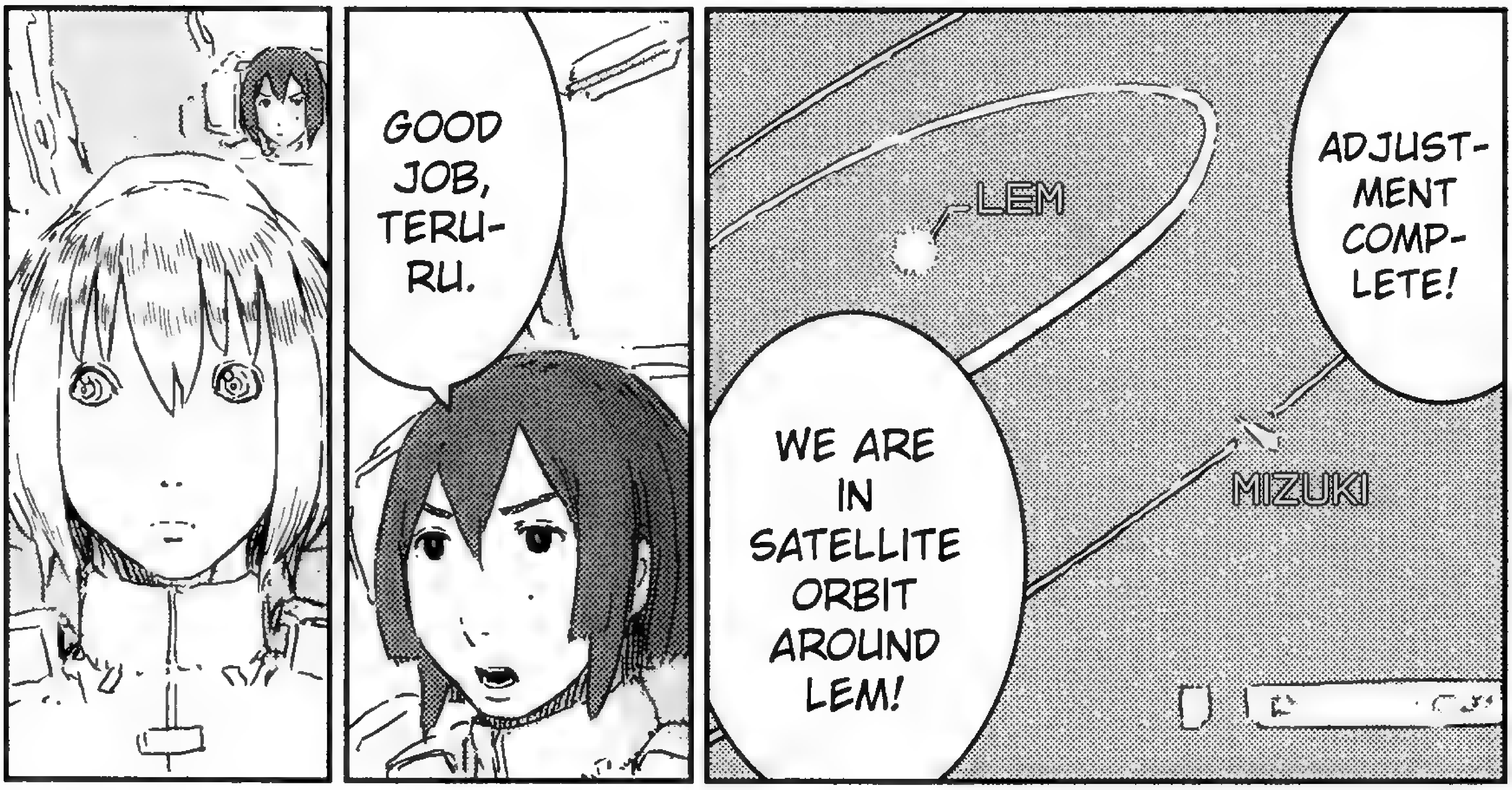
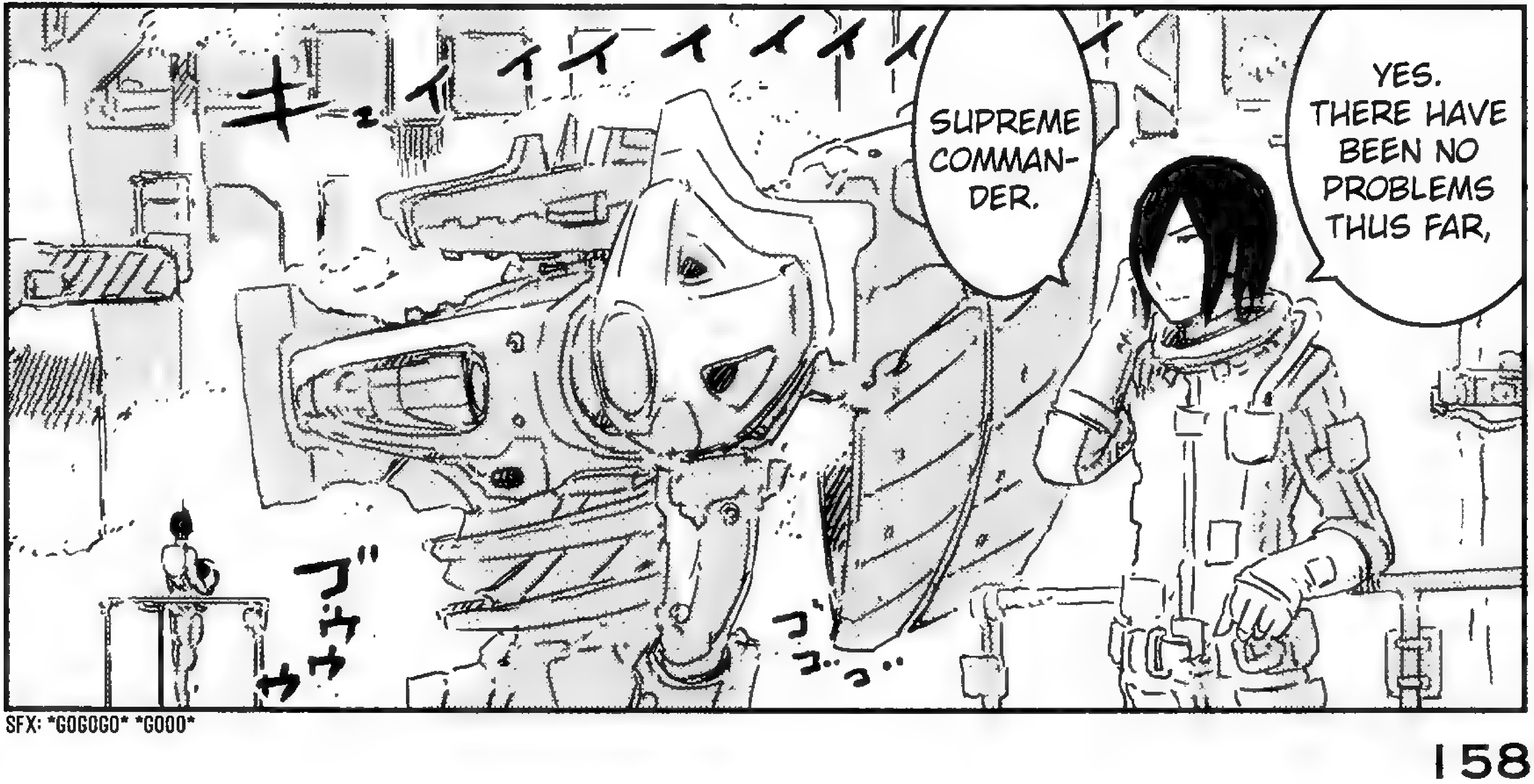
SFX: *BOH*


ADJUSTMENT COMPLETE!
LEM
MIZUKI
WE ARE IN SATELLITE ORBIT AROUND LEM!
GOOD JOB, TERURU.

SFX: *KYUEEEE*


YES. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PROBLEMS THUS FAR,
SUPREME COMMANDER.
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SFX: *GOGOGO* *GOOO*

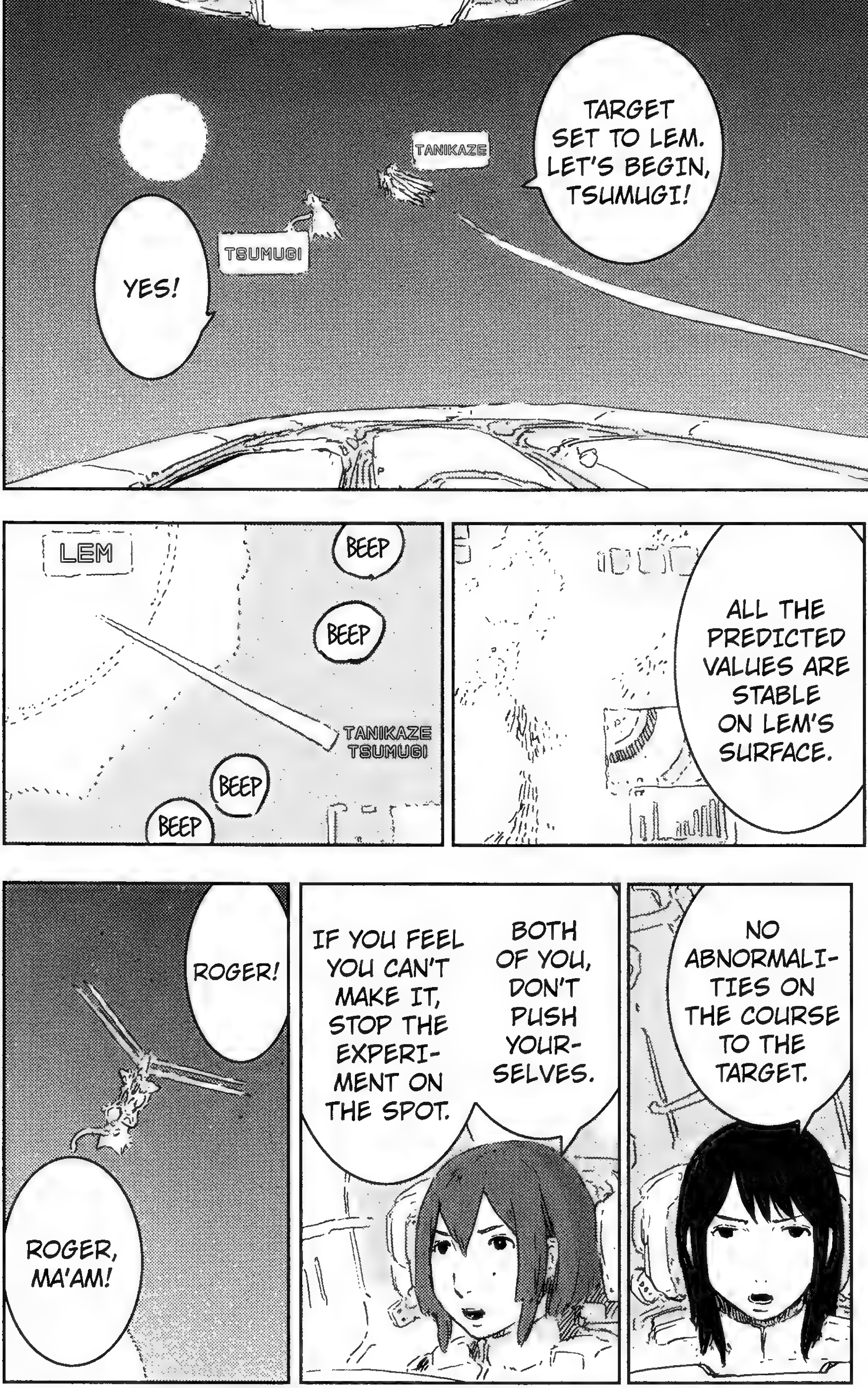
TANI-KAZE!
I'M SORRY FOR DOUBTING YOU SO MANY TIMES!
IT'S TRUE THAT I SAW YOU NAKED, SO I'M SORRY, TOO.
STAY SAFE!

SFX: *GOOOOO*

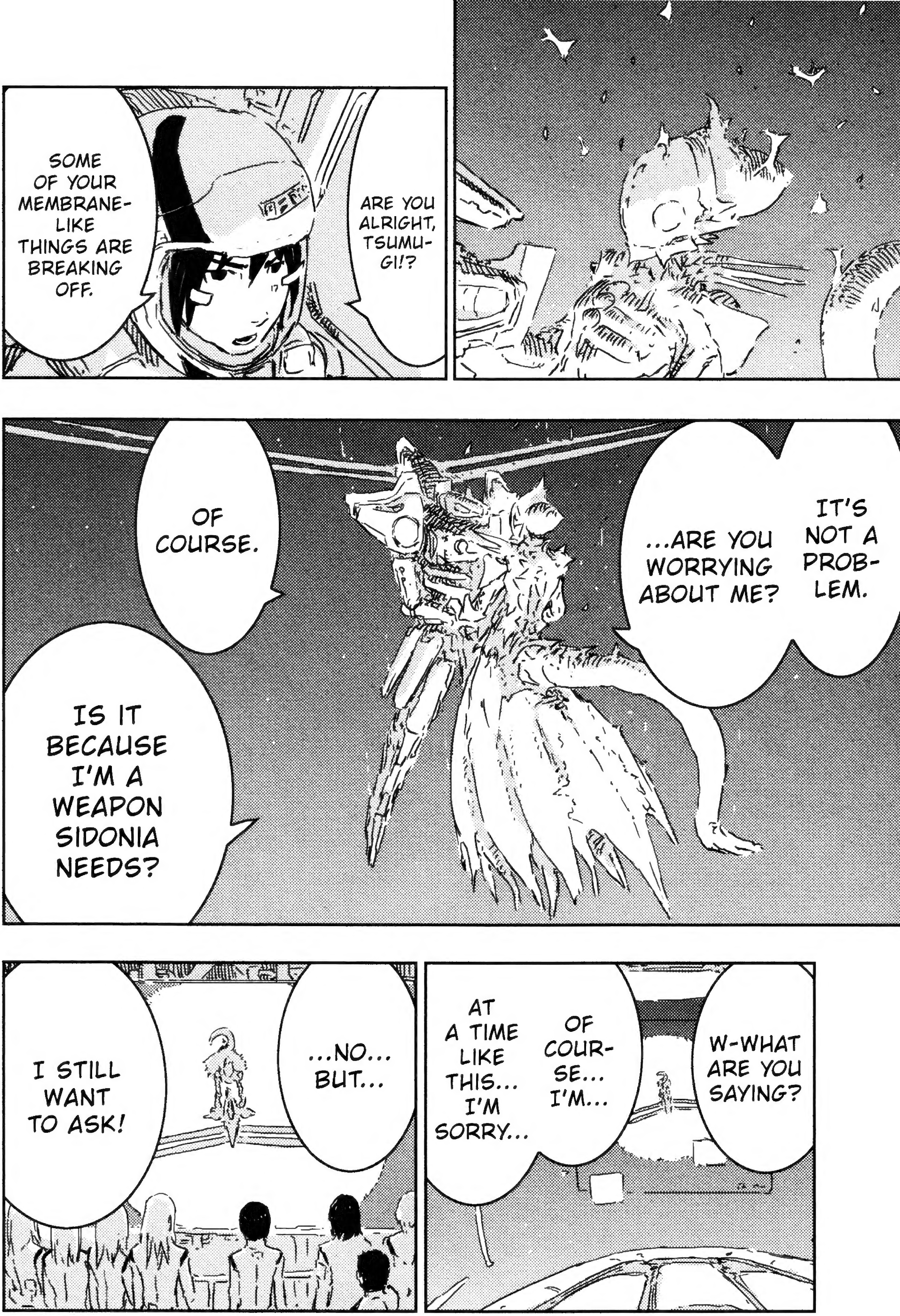
SFX: *HYOOOO*

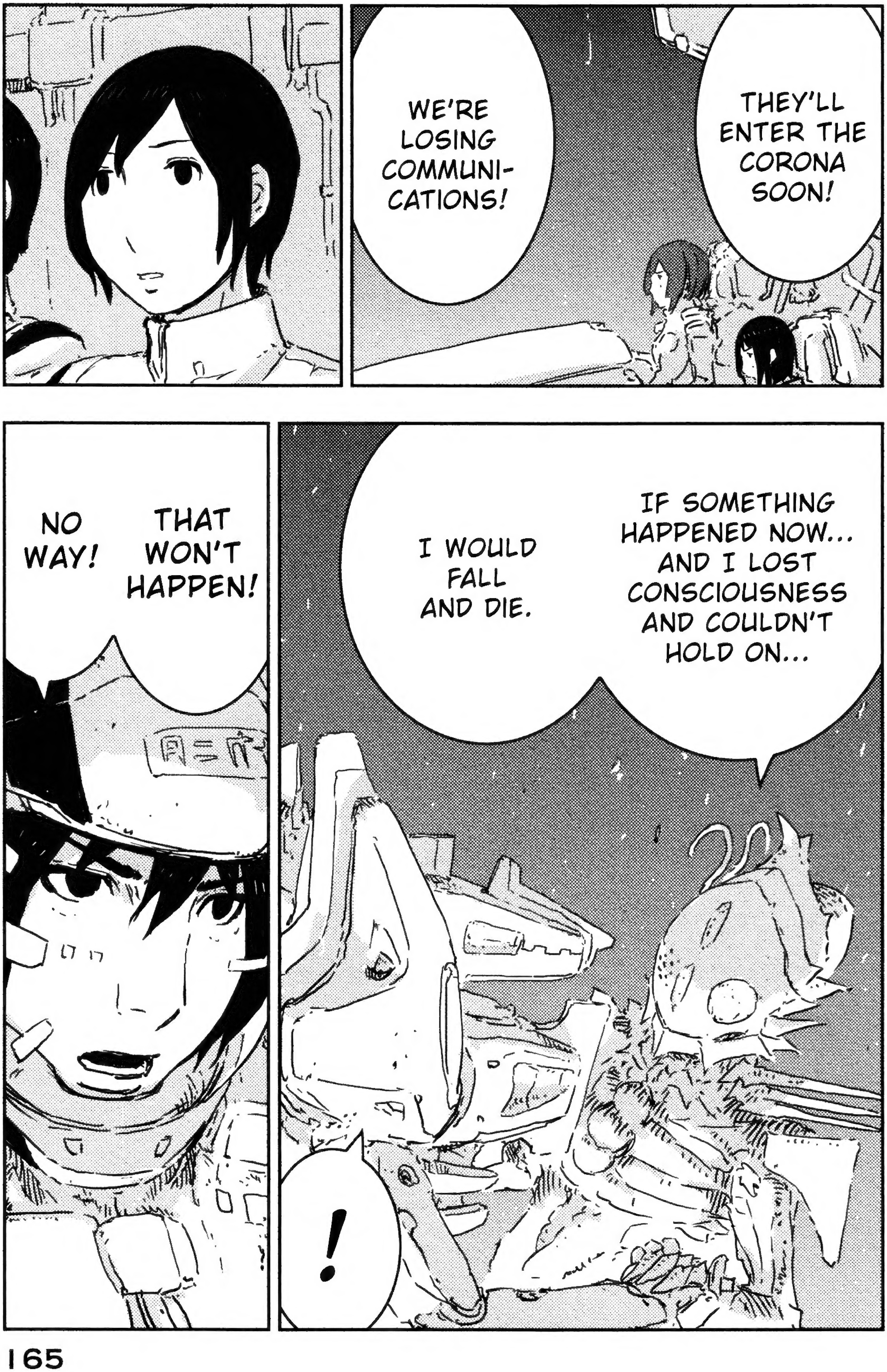
SFX: *GOHYOOO*

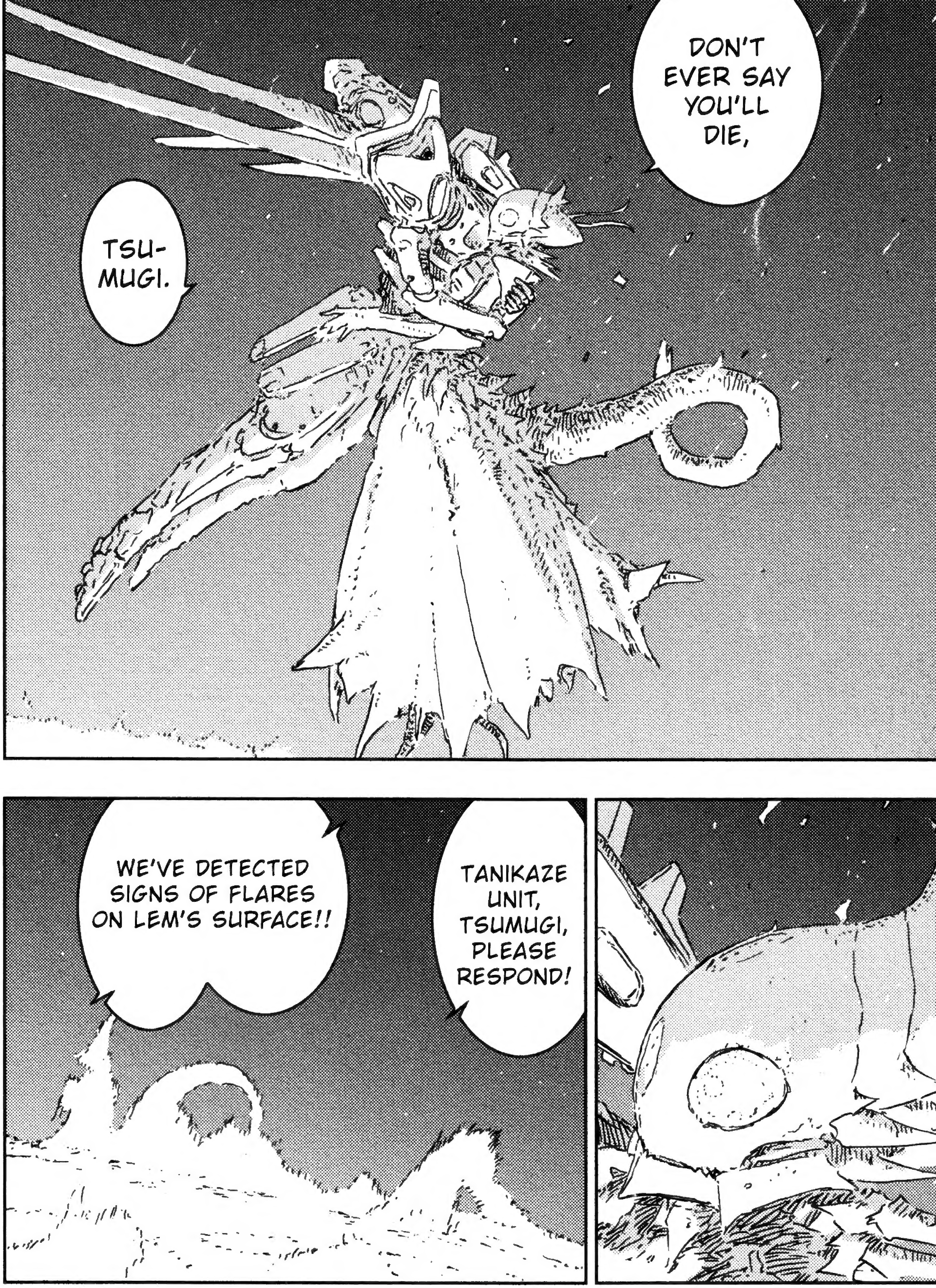
SFX: *GOGO*


TARGET SET TO LEM. LET'S BEGIN, TSUMUGI!
TANIKAZE
TSUMUGI
YES!
ALL THE PREDICTED VALUES ARE STABLE ON LEM'S SURFACE.
LEM
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
TANIKAZE
TSUMUGI
NO ABNORMALITIES ON THE COURSE TO THE TARGET.
BOTH OF YOU, DON'T PUSH YOURSELVES.
IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN'T MAKE IT, STOP THE EXPERIMENT ON THE SPOT.
ROGER!
ROGER, MA'AM!

TANIKAZE UNIT AND TSUMUGI WILL SOON REACH THE OUTER LAYER OF THE CORONA!
TANIKAZE
TSUMUGI
THE VAN ALLEN SHIELD ON THE TEST UNIT IS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.
REMEMBER TSUMUGI, WE KNOW LITTLE ABOUT THE THRUST POWER OF CHIMERAS AT THE MOMENT.
SO DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, EVER.
OKAY, SASAKI-SAN.


ARE YOU ALRIGHT, TSUMUGI!?
SOME OF YOUR MEMBRANE-LIKE THINGS ARE BREAKING OFF.
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
...ARE YOU WORRYING ABOUT ME?
OF COURSE.
IS IT BECAUSE I'M A WEAPON SIDONIA NEEDS?
W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
OF COURSE... I'M...
AT A TIME LIKE THIS... I'M SORRY...
...NO... BUT...
I STILL WANT TO ASK!


THEY'LL ENTER THE CORONA SOON!
WE'RE LOSING COMMUNICATIONS!
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED NOW... AND I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS AND COULDN'T HOLD ON...
I WOULD FALL AND DIE.
!
THAT WON'T HAPPEN!
NO WAY!


DON'T EVER SAY YOU'LL DIE,
TSUMUGI.
TANIKAZE UNIT, TSUMUGI, PLEASE RESPOND!
WE'VE DETECTED SIGNS OF FLARES ON LEM'S SURFACE!!

CHAPTER 59 END

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